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A BUSY DAY IN THE HOUSE.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BILLS ACTED UPON.

SEVERAL OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE BILL REJECTED AND THE BILL SENT TO A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE—THE SUNDRY CIVIL BILL PASSED UNDER A SUSPENSION OF THE RULES—THE RICHARDSON-RAINEY CONTEST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The House to-day disposed of the Internal Revenue bill, and referred the existing differences between the two houses to a committee of conference. The Senate amendment fixing the rate of annual license to be paid by wholesale and retail liquor-dealers was non-concurred in. The amendment providing that when any bank has ceased to do business by reason of insolvency or bankruptcy no tax shall be assessed or collected on account of such bank which shall diminish the assets necessary for the full payment of all its depositors, was also non-concurred in. The House also rejected the Senate amendment striking out the clause to abolish the tax on friction matches. A division was had on the motion to concur in this amendment, and the motion was rejected by yeas 102, nays 131. This vote is equivalent to instructions to the House conferees not to agree to the Senate amendment. The amendment of the Senate, fixing May 1, 1879, as the date when the bill shall go into effect, was concurred in. If the clause abolishing the tax on friction matches is retained in the bill, it will cause a reduction in the annual receipts of about $2,000,000, that being about the amount received annually from that source.

The next business done by the House was to pass, under a suspension of the rules, the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, the aggregate amount appropriated by the bill being nearly $17,000,000, of which nearly $2,000,000 go to defray the annual expenses of the Government of the District of Columbia. The entire expenses of the District Government are provided for in this bill, which is the first time such a provision has been made. The vote on its passage was—yeas 181, nays 79. The Republicans were disposed to vote against it, believing that the delay of that bill would contribute to the passage of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial bill. All the appropriations for continuing work on public buildings are made in the Sundry Civil bill, and members whose districts are thus provided for would naturally feel a strong interest in its passage. Such members would doubtless have united to urge the passage of the Legislative bill, so that the Sundry Civil might be brought forward. The passage of the bill to-day, however, removes whatever leverage it might have given the Legislative bill. Mr. Blackburn's opposition to the Sundry Civil bill excited the suspicions of the Republicans, many of whom were induced to vote for it because of that gentleman's opposition. Mr. Blackburn is regarded as a leading obstructionist. He is a determined supporter of the legislation to repeal the Election laws, and favors revolution rather than submission. He advises his party friends to defeat the appropriation bills rather than surrender the political legislation now pending. When, therefore, he opposed the passage of the Sundry Civil bill many Republicans were deceived into the belief that his opposition arose from his desire to have that bill held back, in order that it might be made to assist the Democrats in their scheme to secure an extra session should the political amendments to the Legislative bill fail.

The Legislative bill is now the last of the regular appropriation bills remaining with the House, and unless the Republicans determine to filibuster, it can be finished in one day.

Before the Sundry Civil bill was passed, Mr. Hooker made a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill to appropriate several million dollars to erect public buildings in various sections of the country. The appropriations were distributed by Mr. Hooker rather to secure votes than to erect buildings necessary for the public service. This effort at log-rolling was, however, a wretched failure, receiving only 63 votes.

The Republicans made another effort in the House to take up the Legislative Appropriation bill, but were defeated by a motion to adjourn. After the passage of the Sundry Civil bill, Mr. Springer moved to take up the report of the Committee on Expenditures in the State Department, in the case of Minister Seward, of the China Legation, who was reported by the majority of the committee on Saturday last for contempt, in refusing to produce certain books in answer to a subpœna duces tecum. The minority of the committee presented a report denying that Minister Seward's conduct before the committee makes him subject to proceedings for contempt. Mr. Hale antagonized Mr. Springer's motion with the Appropriation bill, and the House refused to take up the Seward case—ayes 85, nays 105.

Mr. Ellis, of Louisiana, thereupon came forward with a motion to take up the contested election case of Richardson against Rainey. In this case the Committee on Elections reported that neither Rainey nor Richardson was elected, and reported a resolution recommending a new election. Rainey is a colored man, and has represented the Second District of South Carolina in Congress for about 10 years, having been first elected to the Forty-first Congress. He is a man of recognized ability, and has the respect of the best men on both sides. It was Mr. Roosevelt who gained so much prominence in connection with the enrollment bill in the Sundry Civil bill, during the closing hours of the last session, by his exemplary conduct and devotion to duty. Mr. Conger reminded the Democrats of this by informing Mr. Ellis that Mr. Rainey could not be spared from this Congress until the appropriation bills were concluded. There was such an emphatic vote against Mr. Ellis' motion that he made no further contest, but gave notice that he would call it up to-morrow. This left Mr. Hale's motion to proceed with the appropriation bill unobstructed, but a motion to adjourn again cut him off.

Among the provisions of the Sundry Civil bill is one repealing the appropriation in the same measure of last year of $34,000 to satisfy the claim of a former Indian Agent named Birkett. This appropriation was inserted in the bill during the closing hours of the last session, and the House conferees only consented to allow the claim upon the personal guarantee of one of the Senate members of the conference committee that it was a meritorious and honest claim. After Congress adjourned a careful investigation of the claim by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom the subject was referred by the Secretary of the Treasury, resulted in a report, which, in substance, pronounced the claim to be fraudulent. The facts were submitted to the House Appropriations Committee early in the present session, and one of the first bills passed by the House was that repealing the appropriation to pay the Birkett claim, which Mr. Baker, of Indiana, who had charge of the bill, characterized as a huge swindle. This bill went to the Senate and was referred to the Appropriations Committee, and, through some mysterious agency, it has not been heard from since. The paragraph in the Sundry Civil bill passed by the House to-day, again repealing the appropriation in question, will compel the Senate to act.

CONGRESSIONAL TOPICS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—It was expected that the Butler-Corbin contested election case would be taken up to-day in the Senate, and in anticipation of a heated political debate the galleries were crowded. The Army Appropriation bill being the special order, Senator Cameron, of Wisconsin, who has charged the majority report from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, gave notice that after its disposition he would call the case up for action, but it was so late when this measure passed that he gave notice that he would not ask for its consideration until to-morrow. The Democratic Senators, including Butler himself, claim to feel perfectly easy, and express the belief that it will be impossible to get the case up. They still rely upon the votes of Patterson and Conover to retain Butler in his seat, in case of emergency, and claim to know two or three others who will vote against taking the case up at all. If, by any means, it should come before the Senate, and take anything like an unfavorable turn for Butler, the Democratic tactics are to talk the session away. It is said that Butler himself will occupy two or three days in presenting his side of the case.

Senator Edmunds to-day, after the passage of the Army Appropriation bill, called attention to the fact that the constitutional amendment forbidding the payment of war claims to disloyal persons, which was reported from his committee, was still undisposed of. He said two or three times he had asked for its consideration and it had been refused. He would again ask for its consideration, although his duty had already been done. Senator Harris, of Tennessee, had previously asked the Senate to take up the Yellow Fever bill, and the question was between the two measures. The Yellow Fever bill succeeded by a vote of 45 to 14. This is probably the last that will be heard of the war claims amendment this session at least, as it is likely to provoke considerable debate, and the Senate has barely time to finish the appropriation bills.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

IT IS FINALLY PASSED BY THE SENATE—THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPH SCHEME RETAINED, AFTER BEING AMENDED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate, after another day of debate, succeeded in passing the Army Appropriation bill. The section of the measure which gave rise to discussion gives to all railroad companies the right to do a commercial telegraph business. Senator Jones, of Florida, was the principal advocate of the measure, and made a speech of an hour or more in its behalf. He had an old quarrel with the Western Union Telegraph Company and carried a case against it to the Supreme Court of the United States, which is known to lawyers as the Florida case. The opinion of the court, which is reported in sixth Otto, was against Jones' clients, and in his remarks to-day, he claimed that the amendment was in strict accordance with the opinion of the Supreme Court, as announced in that case. This was not denied by the opponents of the section, but it was attacked mainly because it was legislation of such grave importance that it should not be passed upon an appropriation bill. Messrs. Bayard, Conkling, Hill, and Eaton were the principal opponents of the measure who took part in the debate. After the speeches had been concluded, there were several amendments offered to the section as it came from the House, most of them intended to destroy its force, but all were rejected except one, offered by Senator Howe, which required all railroad companies taking advantage of the provisions of the section to file their written acceptance of the restrictions and obligations imposed by title 65 of the Revised Statutes. This gives the Government the right to purchase all telegraph lines. After all the amendments had been voted down, Senator Eaton, while still in Committee of the Whole, moved to strike out all matter referring to railroads doing a commercial telegraph business. This was defeated by a vote of 31 to 28. When the bill was being considered in the Senate, he again moved to strike it out, and it was again defeated by a vote of 30 to 27. Six Democrats voted to strike out and seven Republicans voted with the Democrats to retain it. Senator Jones was much elated over the success of his scheme. The only other vote of interest that was had was upon section 51, which was stricken out in the Committee of the Whole on Saturday. This section makes it unlawful for any civil, military, or naval officer of the Government to bring, have, or keep under his control any armed troops at or near any place in any State where a special or general election is being held, under a penalty of $5,000 and the imprisonment at hard labor for not less than three months, or more than five years. Senator Beck asked for a vote upon this section in the Senate, and it was stricken out by a vote of 34 to 33, a strict party vote. The bill was then passed without a division, and the Yellow Fever bill was taken up.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 1879.

The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $134,202 52, and from Customs, $244,497 30.

In the contested election case of Frost against Metcalfe, from the Third Missouri District, the Committee on Elections have decided unanimously to report in favor of Mr. Metcalfe, the sitting member.

A Democratic caucus was held in the hall of the House this afternoon, immediately after the adjournment, to take action on the subject previously introduced, namely, the giving out of the public printing by contract to private parties, thus abolishing the Public Printing Office. Very little interest was manifested in the proceedings, there being only 28 members present. A bill was, however, agreed on with the above-named object, and will be introduced into the House. The vote in favor of it was yeas 19, nays 9.

The only material amendment made by the Senate Committee on Appropriations to the House bill appropriating $20,000,000 for the payment of pensions was to strike out the recently-enacted law, in order to strike out the clause which proposes to extend that law to pensions granted by special act of Congress. The committee was favorably disposed toward the amendment proposed by Senator Isaxis for the creation of a Commission of Pension Surgeons to make examinations and take testimony throughout the United States in regard to pension cases and for the revision of the existing law in other particulars, but concluded to leave this and all similar propositions for the decision of the Senate without action on the part of the committee.

An internal revenue circular, amendatory of previous regulations, has just been issued, providing that hereafter all tobacco, snuff, cigars, and cigarettes removed from manufactories for exportation under the provisions of section 3,385, Revised Statutes, shall be consigned to the care of the Collector of Customs of the port of export, who is required to cause a final inspection of the goods to be made, and to issue the clearance certificate prescribed on page 42 of regulations, series 6, No. 8, revised. The Collector of Customs who uses the warehouse, and to whom the goods are to be consigned, is the Collector of the port at which the goods are laden on board of the foreign-bound vessel, or the Collector of the frontier port through which the goods pass into foreign territory.

At the meeting of the Teller committee this morning, Senator Teller said that if it was desired to investigate the manner of conducting elections in Pennsylvania, New-York, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Colorado, where, it is alleged, frauds were committed, it would be necessary for the committee to sit during the recess of Congress, and to do this it would be necessary to obtain the authority of the Senate; and as there always exists the question of jurisdiction of the committee, they ought to designate in what States they desired to continue the examination. Senator Garland replied that the minority would do this at the next meeting, on Thursday next, and they would then be prepared to serve upon the terms of a resolution to be offered in the Senate with a view of considering the investigation during the recess. The sub-committee, of which Senator Hoar is Chairman, to examine into the matter of assessments for political purposes, have not yet taken any testimony. They say they are waiting for the Democrats to send them witnesses.

CONFEDERATE FUNDS IN ENGLAND.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The joint resolution introduced by Representative Jorgensen, authorizing and directing the President to cause an investigation as to the funds belonging to the so-called Confederate States, on deposit in the Bank of England, or in the hands of private citizens in Great Britain, in its preamble recites that it is believed that the so-called Confederate States, while exercising authority, and holding themselves out as a government, in relation with the Government of England, collected large sums of money from certain citizens of the United States, which appeared to the credit of the so-called Confederate States, or some part of the same, in the Bank of England, to the credit of the so-called Confederate States, and that a portion of said sums of money still remains in said bank. The resolution authorizes the President to take action in regard to the same wherever it may be found to be the fact, and this it may be believed, will greatly benefit the citizens, who (deceived by them, or acting, if men who worked on the Northern farms or served as tenantry, in the so-called Confederate States, and who were disabled in such service, and who are now in indigent circumstances, and are a burden upon the charity of the community for a living.

THE LONG INQUIRY CLOSED.

NO MORE TESTIMONY TO BE TAKEN BY THE POTTER COMMITTEE.

AN AFFIDAVIT FROM C. W. WOOLLEY DENYING JOHN E. COYLE'S STATEMENTS—IMPORTANT EVIDENCE REGARDING GEN. BARLOW'S POSITION AS REPUBLICAN COUNSEL—MADDOX AND JEWETT EXAMINED, BUT NOTHING IMPORTANT ELICITED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—There is a prospect that the labors of the Potter committee will be closed, and a report presented this week. In the executive session to-day it was resolved that no further oral testimony should be taken, unless Hardy Solomon of South Carolina should be found. That gentleman is said to have been last heard from in New-Orleans, and it is known that he is purposely eluding the agents of the committee who are in search of him. It is, therefore, probable that there will be no further testimony taken, and that the report will be prepared at once. The evidence taken to-day was not particularly interesting or important. A letter was received from C. W. Woolley, which is as follows:

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1879.

To Hon. Clarkson N. Potter, Washington:

Your affiant, Charles W. Woolley, says he is 47 years of age, a citizen of Cincinnati, a lawyer by profession, and a tax-payer by occupation; that he never indulges in alcoholic drink, nor does he ever engage in games of hazard. Affiant has been ill for more than a week, is now confined to his bed, and cannot leave it without probably endangering his life. Affiant has read the evidence of one John F. Coyle before your committee on the 17th inst., as published in the New-York Tribune on the 18th inst., and swears without condition, equivocation, or exception, that so far as the statements of said Coyle purport to refer to him [the affiant] the same are utterly false; that he never otherwise heard of them, or any of them than by simply saying they are absolutely untrue. As affiant is unable to go to your committee, and the committee cannot come to him, he respectfully asks that this affidavit be allowed a place in the records of the committee. Affiant says, if your committee will receive and file a sworn statement from him as to all his relations in political matters in the States of Louisiana and Florida in 1876, he will have his amanuensis prepare the same at once. The affiant promises that in such statement he will respond fully and fairly to every point of attack made upon his conduct from any and every responsible source, so far as the same has come under his observation.

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence, by Charles W. Woolley, this 22d February, 1879.

FREDERICK A. JOHNSON,
Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Hiscock moved that the affidavit be not received, and this was carried.

The most important testimony taken was from Mr. William E. Chandler, who produced the letter from Mr. Francis C. Barlow to James Bell, of Florida, which was printed in THE TIMES this morning, and a memorandum, both of which go to show conclusively that Gen. Barlow, during the whole time he was secretly aiding the Democrats, openly professed and was generally understood to be one of the Republican counsel. Mr. Chandler, in addition, testified that he had recently been informed of the fact that the cipher key which he used in Florida, together with a number of his telegrams sent from that State to the Republican National Committee in New-York, were now in the hands of Mr. John I. Davenport. This statement, Mr. Chandler explained, was made to the end that the committee, if it desired to do so, might secure possession of the telegrams in question.

James H. Maddox testified in regard to certain statements made by Marshal Jack Wharton while he was on the stand. The obvious purpose of the witness was to prove that J. Madison Wells, the Chairman of the Returning Board, was for sale; that his price was $200,000, and that Gov. Packard had been informed of this alleged fact, and that he said he would take the matter into consideration. The testimony of the witness in this direction will need corroboration before it will receive much credit.

Mr. D. J. M. Jewett, who, in 1876, acted as Secretary to the Republican committee of Louisiana, told a rambling and contradictory story in regard to alleged fraudulent protests from Democratic parishes, and what was called Gov. Kellogg's connection with these transactions. He testified that one evening he was asked to attend a meeting in the private office of the Post Office Department, and he did so. He met there Mr. George L. Smith, member of Congress for that district; Mr. Ferguson, Supervisor of De Soto Parish; Mr. Hutton, Supervisor of Bossier Parish; Mr. Cornog, Supervisor of Red River Parish, and one or two others. Mr. Smith said to him that they wished him to draft the protest for one or two parishes. The vault in the Post Office was unlocked and a number of packages taken out, which proved to be the consolidated statements and legal inclosures of De Soto, Webster, Bossier, and Caddo Parishes. The several Supervisors from these parishes were present. Witness drew up the protests, and they were afterward copied by the Supervisors and inserted in their proper packages with the other documents.

Witness was then requested to give an account of the Bossier massacre of 1868, at the close of which Gen. Butler, referring to Jack Wharton, asked: "And the commander of the rioters in that massacre is now a United States Marshal! A.—Yes.

Q.—By the appointment of Mr. Hayes, of Ohio. Is not that so! Witness did not reply.

Other details were given by the witness as to the drawing up of the protests, and he was then asked if he had the original draft of the Richland protest, to which he replied in the affirmative.

Q. Is it drawn by Mr. Kellogg! A.—Yes, it is in Kellogg's handwriting; he drafted it himself.

Gen. Butler said this covered his part of the case, and the committee took a recess of half an hour. After recess some unimportant testimony was taken, after which Mr. Jewett was recalled, but nothing new was elicited from him.

At 6 o'clock the committee went into secret session.

BISHOP FOLEY'S FUNERAL.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—The funeral of Right Rev. Thomas Foley, Catholic Bishop of Chicago, took place to-day from the Cathedral in this city. The body was taken in the morning from the residence of the dead Bishop's mother, to the Cathedral and lay in state for one hour, during which time it was viewed by thousands. The prelates present were Archbishop Gibbons, Bishops Becker, of Wilmington; Kain, of Wheeling; Lynch, of Charleston; Keane, of Richmond; McGlinchey, of Albany; Wadhams, of Ogdensburg, and Grow, of Savannah. Among the other clergymen present were Rev. Dr. Quinn, of New-York, the clergy of this diocese, and about 20 clergymen from the Diocese of Chicago. The Cathedral was crowded, and hundreds were unable to gain admittance. Bishop Becker celebrated the Pontifical Requiem Mass, after which Archbishop Gibbons delivered the oration, tracing the life of Bishop Foley from his ordination as a priest until his death as Bishop. The Diocese of Chicago has flourished under his administration until it had how 3,000 priests, about 200 churches, and 230,000 Catholic souls. The interment took place in the new Cathedral cemetery, where the Bishop's father and sisters were buried.

PENNSYLVANIA'S PROPOSED LAWS.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Feb. 24.—In the House of Representatives to-night a resolution was adopted instructing the State's Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of a bill providing for the establishment of a National Bureau of Statistics. E. W. Davis, of Philadelphia, read a bill for the relief of prisoners discharged from the Eastern Penitentiary. David Maury presented a bill providing for securing the rights of prisoners and owners of keeping a tee-house. Gov. Hoyt will send to the Senate this week his nominations for Attorney-General, for Sealer of Weights and Measures in Pittsburg, and other offices. Present indications point to Gen. Palmer, of Luzerne County, as the new Attorney-General. There is a warm contest for the office of Sealer of Weights and Measures of Pittsburg, as it pays about $3,000 a year.

DEBTORS OF VIRGINIA READJUSTERS.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 24.—The convention of "readjusters" will meet to-morrow. About 100 delegates are now here. The platform, as prepared by leading readjusters of the General Assembly, contemplates the establishment of a new party, composed of men of both colors, and to continue the debt agitation, to fight before the people against the McCulloch suspension, should it become a law; to elect the next Legislature on this question, and, finally, if necessary, to call a convention to remodel the Constitution and oust the present Supreme Court, which will permit no impairments of the State's contract. There are two or three men hoping to ride into the United States Senate on this issue. The convention will not be altogether harmonious, as some delegates are here to advocate the compromise offered by the creditors.

REVOLT AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

PROTESTING AGAINST OBNOXIOUS RULES—STUDENTS SUSPENDED FOR DISOBEYING AN ORDER.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 24.—The Faculty and students of Trinity College are at serious loggerheads over rules established by the former, which are considered uncalled for and oppressive by the latter. Among those rules were the following: Compulsory attendance daily upon evening chapel, making two enforced gatherings a day; compelling students to sit in places assigned in the chapel, and sitting visiting friends apart; prohibiting instrumental and vocal music, except within specified hours. All the students signed a protest to the Faculty, the reply to which was unsatisfactory. As no modification was agreed to, except to allow students to sit with their friends in chapel, bad feeling resulted, and last week, when preparations were made by the students for the usual observances of Washington's Birthday, the Faculty demanded that the oration and the poem and the words of music to be sung should be submitted before consent would be given to have the exercises take place in the college cabinet. The oration and poem were submitted, but the glee club declined to submit the songs, and it was then decided to have the exercises in Seminary Hall, in Hartford, the college being in the extreme south-western part of the city. The Faculty said it would make no difference where the students gave the entertainment, the directions must be obeyed.

In order that there might be no opportunity for singling out any particular students, the glee club made a formal disbandment, and the songs at the exercises held last Saturday evening were sung by the students. In consequence of the refusal to submit the songs, the Faculty to-day suspended and ordered away D. B. Wilcox, of Lancaster; S. B. Fisher, of Philadelphia; L. A. Lampher, of Montville, Conn. and F. W. White, of Franklin, Penn.; and conditionally suspended W. H. Elbert, of Philadelphia, and Orr Buffington, of Kittaning, Penn. These students were on the Committee of Arrangements in the preparation of the entertainment, there was nothing offensive. Following the suspensions, the students, who are acting in harmony and substantially all together, held a meeting and passed a resolution, unanimously, "That the whole body of undergraduates hereby consent and express their determination to absent themselves from all college exercises whatever, and that they will not from this hour attend any such exercises until the request of students previously made to suspend objectionable rules has been granted." This action was taken to bring the matter before the Trustees. All other college rules will be observed. The students say tonight that the determination is fixed to hold out to the end. Only four men were at the chapel this evening. The Faculty say that they are supported by the Trustees, but there is reason to believe that some members of the board have been for several months in favor of making some changes in the Faculty, believing that there ought to be more harmony in the college. Bishop Williams, Dean of the Faculty, has sent word that he will be here to-morrow.

FEARING A DISASTROUS FLOOD.

THE DELAWARE CHOKED WITH ICE—FAMILIES MOVING FROM THE LOWLANDS.

PORT JERVIS, Feb. 24.—Fears of a destructive flood at this place, resulting from the breaking up of the ice in the Delaware River, are again revived. About two weeks ago the ice passed out of the Delaware for a distance of 20 miles west, the channel reaching four miles below this place, when it lodged in a portion of the river known to raftsmen as Punkee's Island. A few days after the breaking up of the ice, the river fell to an ordinary freshet, and is now very low. By the falling of the water, the ice-pack at Punkee's Island was permitted to rest upon the bed of the river, in which position it still remains. Shore-ice has been continually passing this place from above, lodging against and under the pack at Punkee's Island, until the river at that point is completely choked with ice, which has frozen to that point extends to within one mile of this place, and has completely closed the channel left open by the previous breaking up of the ice.

The predicted warm weather and probable rains will have the effect of suddenly raising the water in the river west of here, and will result in the breaking up of the ice above the Delaware at Deposit, Callicoon, and other places west, and will, no doubt, occasion much damage to property at those places. On reaching Punkee's Island at almost impregnable barrier will be found in the ice-pack there, which will back the water up to this place. Several of the families which had returned to their homes in the lowlands, which are all below this place, have again removed, and the fears of a disastrous flood are general. To add to the alarm of the people in this place, the channel in the Delaware here, and which extends almost to Punkee's Island, is but half the width of the river, the ice on the New-York side being jammed into the channel for a distance of over two miles, forming a compact mass.

THE DEFAULTER ANGELL.

HE GOES WEST, REFUSING TO TELL OF HIS TRAVELS.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—Without unreeling his line to tell the story of his wanderings, Charles W. Angell, the Chicago defaulter, was sent from this city at noon to-day to Illinois, where he will stand trial for embezzling money from the Pullman Palace Car Company. After the arrival here, early this morning, from Lewes, Capt. Frank and his charge rested for the night at Bergen's Hotel in West Philadelphia. Early this morning Deputy Sheriff Lennox called at the hotel and claimed his prisoner. Angell was taken into Common Pleas Court before Judge Allison, when Christian Kneeal appeared for the Pullman Palace Car Company. The Judge explained to Angell his rights, whereupon the defaulter said: "I do not know what to say to you." "Mr. Angell admits his identity," said Mr. Kneeal. The prisoner bowed his head in acknowledgment, and stated that he was the person named in the requisition. "There is no contest of the charge, then?" asked the Judge. "No, Sir," replied Angell. "Then," said the Judge, "I shall order you to return for Chicago, where they will close to-morrow evening. Angell was joined by his brother. The prisoner positively refused to open his mouth concerning his travels and the motive which led to his action. He says: "I will not say anything until I have met Mr. Pullman, I have disclosed all to him." The defaulter is a broad-shouldered man, about 5 feet 9 inches high, of medium build. He wears a full beard, which is sprinkled with gray, and appeared quite English in appearance. Mr. Pullman says he will be tried beyond doubt, and that the case will not be compromised.

NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATION.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 24.—Preparations are being made for the removal of the struggle for the bridge at Washington-street, Jersey City. A bill has been printed, and is now awaiting presentation to the Senate, compelling the Board of Works of Jersey City to take steps for the construction of a suitable drawbridge, and provides that the cost shall be assessed upon contiguous property to the extent to which that property may be benefited. If the sum thus realized be insufficient to build it, the remainder of the cost shall be paid out of the city treasury. The bill was to have been introduced this evening, but it has not yet made its appearance. Senator Robb will father it.

The first move toward a final adjournment of the two houses was made this evening by the introduction into the Senate of a joint resolution, the body of a concurrent resolution fixing the date as March 14. The House laid it over until to-morrow. The bill for the repeal of the District Court act, so far as it applies to Jersey City, was called up in the House to-night and was defeated by a vote of 25 to 30. The bill has been once defeated and reconsidered.

FLOATING DOWN THE OHIO.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Feb. 24.—Capt. Paul Boyton, who has undertaken to float from this city to New-Orleans in his life-saving suit, started on his long voyage to-day at 3:30 A. M. The weather is cold and stormy. The temperature of the water was at freezing point when he started, and the river was running full of ice. He expects to reach Rochester to-night, Steubenville Tuesday night, and Wheeling Wednesday night. From Wheeling he will have a float of 60 miles, to Marietta, Ohio.

THE SPRAGUE COMPANY LITIGATION.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 24.—In the Supreme Court this morning, the application of certain creditors of the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company for the removal of Mr. Chaffee as Trustee, came up for argument by assignment, when by mutual consent the hearing was postponed until the fourth Monday in March.

BIENNIAL SESSIONS IN MAINE.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 24.—The House to-day passed a bill for a constitutional amendment, providing for biennial elections and sessions of the Legislature. It submits the matter to the people.

THE LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

SERVIA, BULGARIA, AND ROUMANIA.

DISTURBANCES ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER OF SERVIA—THE CZAR AND THE BULGARIAN ASSEMBLY—THE EVACUATION OF ARAB-TABIA.

BELGRADE, Feb. 24.—There has been some renewal of the disturbances on the Albanian frontier of Servia, which is likely to lead to recrimination between Servia and the Porte. A large body of Albanians made an incursion into Servia. They were pursued and recrossed the frontier.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The *Daily Telegraph's* dispatch from Berlin says the Roumanian evacuation of Arab-Tabia is due to the fact that Prince Gortschakoff used violently threatening language on the subject. Germany is now prepared to support Russia's claims concerning the boundary in dispute.

The *Times'* correspondent at Tirnova repeats very positively the report that agents of Austria are actively intriguing to promote Austrian occupation of the country between Novi-Bazar and the Ægean Sea.

Congratulatory telegrams from the Czar were read at the opening of the Bulgarian Assembly. The Czar cautions the Bulgarians against embarrassing Russia by imprudences.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT'S LAST CONCESSIONS ON THE AMNESTY BILL—THE PROPOSED FRANCO-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL TREATY.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Bureaux of the Senate have appointed a committee on the Amnesty bill, eight out of the nine members of which are favorable to the bill as passed by the Deputies. M. Le Royer, Minister of Justice, said officially, to-day, that the Government had put on the Amnesty bill gone to the utmost limit of concession.

Despite the protectionist campaign, the movement in favor of a treaty of commerce between France and the United States receives numerous adhesions daily. MM. Hippolyte and Calmuze have been designated special reporters to furnish the French commission with the information required by the French and American Legislatures respecting desirable modifications of the Customs tariffs.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The *Times'* correspondent at Paris says: "It is affirmed that certain Deputies of the Left wish the Chamber to nominate a Parliamentary commission to investigate the proceedings of the Prefecture of Police. It is said that the Cabinet will strongly oppose this as an encroachment on the functions of the Executive."

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Paris correspondent of the *Daily News* telegraphs that the appointment of M. Albert Grévy to be Governor of Algeria is now scarcely doubtful.

A Paris dispatch to the *Daily News* states that the conflict of the city with the Government in regard to the municipality's grant to the Communists has been compromised by confiding the distribution of the relief fund to the Prefect of the Seine.

CURRENT TOPICS ABROAD.

EGYPT'S FINANCIAL EMBARRASSMENTS—THE POPE'S CONCILIATORY POLICY—FLOODS IN FRANCE AND POLAND—WESTON'S WALK.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says he has precise information relative to the Egyptian question. Neither France nor England considers herself bound to guarantee the ordinary conditions of Egypt against the vicissitudes to which they are exposed, but they both consider that by wise treatment of expenditure, and by reducing the rate of interest by one-half, Egypt may succeed in making the two ends meet, and thus save herself from becoming a source of uneasiness to foreign Governments.

A special dispatch to the *Times* from Calcutta says: "A slight rain in Oude and the north-west Provinces has improved the prospects somewhat. The Punjaub needs much more rain. The condition of the Spring crop there is very critical."

ROME, Feb. 24.—The Pope, on Wednesday, replying to an address from the Cardinals, emphasized his desire to reconcile princes and peoples to the Church, his readiness to extend his hand to all who repent and cease their persecutions, and his unflinching intention always to combat, in the defence of the rights and independence of the Church, those who make war against her.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—Gen. Melikoff telegraphs to-day that there have been neither deaths from nor cases of the plague in the surrounded district since his last report.

NANTES, Feb. 24.—A rise in the River Loire is causing disastrous inundations.

WARSAW, Feb. 24.—A dam burst yesterday above this city owing to drift ice. A telegram from Sandomiers, at the junction of the San and Vistula, reports that the river banks have been broken by ice and that there is a great inundation and vast destruction of property.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—The coal-heavers and a large number of dock laborers having resumed work, the Birkenhead men have resolved to resume also at the reduction. This sets 2,000 men to work in Birkenhead.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the striking weavers at Ashton-under-Lyne, yesterday, to the number of 3,000, it was decided, with only four dissenting voices, to continue the strike until they are reduced to starvation.

Cunnahan Gill, proprietor of Manchester, has failed. His liabilities amount to £160,000.

WESTON, on arriving at Bury St. Edmunds at 12:40 yesterday afternoon, had traveled 1,731 miles. He had, by extra walking, reduced his arrears to 132 miles.

Lord Dufferin has started for St. Petersburg.

Advices from Dublin late last night state that Dr. Butt's health has decidedly improved.

A dispatch to the *Daily News* from Alexandria announces that a definite peace has been arranged between the King of Abyssinia and the Khedive of Egypt. The former is to receive a pension in exchange for the disputed frontier provinces.

DISASTERS TO VESSELS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The British brigantine Bessie, Capt. Traynor, has foundered in a collision. Her crew was saved.

The British bark Jane Rowland, Capt. Jones, from New-York Jan. 22, for Lynn, was abandoned in a sinking condition 250 miles from Fayal. Her crew was rescued and landed at Antwerp.

The Italian bark Stefano Pulzo, Capt. Basta, from New-York Dec. 6, for Aberdeen, is ashore near Berwick-on-Tweed, and will probably become a wreck. Her crew, except three persons, was saved.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 24.—The schooner reported Friday last as apparently in distress drifted about the bay Friday night, finally grounding on Barnstable Flats. Yesterday the schooner Alice Raymond, of this port, went to her assistance, and ascertained her name to be Gorsh Banker, of New-York, from Boston, for Richmond. In the gale of Thursday night she had become so iced up that the crew could not hoist sail. The mate was washed overboard, but rescued. One of the crew had his feet frozen. A tug has gone to assist the schooner.

EASTPORT, Me., Feb. 24.—The schooner Surprise, of Boston, went ashore at Grand Manan in the late storm, and will probably be a total loss.

RAILROAD BLOCKED BY SNOW.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Feb. 24.—The Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad is again blockaded by snow, and no trains are running on that road to-day.

A GRAND JURY'S ARBITRARY ACT.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—Harrison Attaway, State Coal-oil Inspector, was arrested recently by order of the Grand Jury, before an indictment was found against him and without a warrant. To-day the Grand Jury closed its labors, and made no report to the Criminal Court. After the reading of the report, Judge Lonkhin thanked the Jury for its general efficiency, but referred to the arrest of Attaway not only as a grave mistake, but as a usurpation of power, which if allowed to pass unrebuked, would lead to the direst results. He ordered the prisoner and quite severe. At the end of Judge Loughlin's address, James E. Yeatman, an old and prominent citizen and foreman of the jury, stated to the court that the jury had acted under the advice of the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the court, and had not the slightest desire or design to do the humblest citizen the slightest injury. The affair created considerable stir in court, and is the subject of much comment elsewhere.

THE EMBARRASSED PRELATE.

GERMANS DEMANDING A FULL STATEMENT OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S AFFAIRS—CONJECTURES AS TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE MONEY.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—The leading organ of the German Catholics, the *Volksfreund*, to-day demands of the authorities of the Church a full and unreserved statement of the true condition of the Archbishop's affairs. It refers to the statements that were first made, that the liabilities would not exceed $450,000, and contrasts them with the present report that they will not go above $4,000,000, and adds that there is no assurance that even yet the worst is told. The German congregations are much excited over the situation, and many of their members boldly declare that if the Church property, for which they have sacrificed so much in building up, is to go to pay debts which they had no hand in contracting, and from which they received no benefit, they will revolt. It is charged, on the part of the Germans, that discrimination was used in the expenditure of money in favor of the Irish churches, as against the German churches, and it is intimated by the *Volksfreund* that no steps will be taken by the Germans to assist the Archbishop until a more satisfactory statement of affairs is made.

The article professes profound sympathy with the gray-haired prelate in the misfortune which has overtaken him, but speaks in unrestricted terms of the negligence of his brother, under whose immediate management the vast business was carried on. Various conjectures are heard as to the manner in which the $14,000,000 could have been placed without bringing to the Archbishop's knowledge anything in the way of available assets. A leading banker to-day gave it as his opinion that the bulk of the large liability was the outgrowth of the system of paying 6 per cent. interest on money which was put out in such a way as to return no interest at all. The compounding of interest on $500,000 for the 25 years that the Archbishop has been receiving deposits, would account for nearly the entire amount of the present deficiency. The business was conducted on the principle that no large portion of the loans would ever be called for at one time, and that the increase in value of Catholic property in the city would ultimately be sufficient to guarantee the indebtedness. It is plain that an amount equal to nearly $4,000,000 has been actually expended by the Archbishop upon the building of churches and schools in the diocese. The excitement over the affair is steadily growing, and friends of the Church feel anxiety as to the direction which it may take.

A SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATION.

MAYOR BELDEN'S TWO YEARS' CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS IN SYRACUSE.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Mayor James J. Belden closed his two terms as Mayor to-night, giving place to Irving T. Vann, Republican, who was elected at the charter election on Tuesday last by a majority of 870 over his Democratic competitor. Mayor Belden was elected two years ago by the largest majority ever given a Mayoralty candidate in this city

LONG ISLAND CITY'S TAXES.

STRIVING TO MAKE THEM LOWER.

ALDERMEN DISCUSSING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CABBAGE FARMS.

The struggle against over-taxation and misgovernment which the people of Long Island City are making is likely, after all, to meet with some practical good, if the way in which the Board of Aldermen acted on the proposed charter amendments last night can be accepted as an indication of real reform. On Friday night last there were but six of the reform members of the board present, and three of the anti-reform or Administration members, who hoped to be in the room slipped out at a side door and left the six without a quorum for the transaction of business. Some of the citizens interested in the reduction of the municipal salary-list and of expenses generally exerted themselves meantime, however, and succeeded in getting 11 members to last night's meeting, being more than two-thirds of the board. The Aldermen present were: Messrs. Hallett, President; Sheridan, Peloy, Holcolmb, Morris, Reid, Weissenstein, Mitchell, Donnelly, Kehoe, and Stevenson. The last-named three are generally regarded as being in favor of the politicians' Government, whether the people like it or not. Alderman McLoughlin sent a letter to the board, in which he regretted that he was unable to be present owing to sickness, but saying that he favored the adoption of the proposed amendments generally. He believed, however, that in reducing the salaries the Conference Committee of citizens and Aldermen had erred in reducing the salary of the Captain of Police, who is in reality the chief of the force in Long Island City, from $1,600 to $1,000. He did not think a competent man could serve for such a sum. The letter was placed on file, and Alderman Mitchell moved that the conference report on charter amendments be taken up and acted upon in sections, which was adopted.

Up to 10:30 o'clock the evening the board had acted on 10 out of the 21 amendments, and proceeded to complete the full task before adjourning. The amendments were taken up in order and adopted with very little alteration, most of the debates being brought up by Mr. Kehoe, who said he "wanted the whole thing disgraced. The most important change made in the report was in respect to the composition of the future Board of Aldermen. At present it consists of 15 members, three from each ward, without compensation. The report adopted that the board be composed of seven members, one from each ward, to be elected annually, two to be elected on a ticket at large, and to hold office for two years, the salary of each being not to be $500 a year. The conference proposed as an offset to this salary expenditure to abolish other offices, imposing their duties on the Aldermen, and thus effect a substantial retrenchment. Alderman Sheridan thought it was a mistake to fix the term of a local Aldermanship at two years, because he was beginning to understand the duties and business of the office his term was about expiring, and, unless he was re-elected, which was not always the case, his experience gained went for nothing. Mr. Petty concurred in this view. [Mr. Kehoe thought it was a misfortune to have seven members of the board, as it was manifestly much easier to corrupt 7 men than 17. He believed that that was what defeated the bill last year in the Legislature for the reduction of fares on the Hunter's Point Ferry. The bill passed in the Assembly, where there were 126 members, but in the Senate, with only 32 members, it was killed. He favored having 11 Aldermen—two from each ward, and one elected on the general ticket at large. He believed one year was a long enough term also, as they got to understand too much about their business to constitute a committee. Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Kehoe, and Mr. Weissenstein, all expressed the opinion that if an Alderman did his duty well one year the people would want him and elect him for another year.

Mr. Sheridan moved to make the salary of the City Clerk $1,800 instead of $1,600, in view of his many duties as ex-officio Clerk, and without other compensation, on other hand, to the motion was agreed to. Mr. Kehoe moved to make the term of the Aldermen at large one year, but it was lost by a vote of 8 to 7. He then moved that the Board of Aldermen consist of 11 members, one from each ward, which was lost by a vote of 6 to 4. Mr. Morris then moved that the salary be $300 a year to each Alderman, and it was adopted unanimously. When this large amount of business and some three or four other motions had been disposed of and acted on Alderman Sheridan moved to reconsider the whole subject so far as the Aldermen were concerned, and he then moved that the original report providing for seven members at $500 each be adopted, and it was adopted by a vote of 8 to 2.

The section providing for the payment of a salary of $3,000 to the City Treasurer was debated at length, on a motion to make it $2,000, the expenses for clerk hire being nearly half the amount, with the 6 to 4. Another debate sprang up on the salary proposed for the Corporation Counsel, $1,200. Mr. Kehoe didn't think any good lawyer could be had for that money. He wanted to pay him at least $1,500, but his motion to make it that amount was lost by a vote of 9 to 2. The recommendation to abolish the office of Commissioner of Jurors was carried unanimously. The Aldermanic Committee on Roads and Streets are to be called on to attend to this duty. The section reducing the pay of the Police Captain to $1,000, Sergeants to $800, and patrolmen to $600, was adopted by a vote of 8 to 2.

Altogether, it is quite likely that the people of Long Island City will save the expenditure of $40,000 a year by the recommendations made by the conference committee, as the proposed amendments will be sent to the Legislature, with the concurrent desire and request for their passage of the Aldermen and the citizens of that tax-ridden community. Messrs. Wheeler, Chairman of the Aldermanic Committee of Citizens, were present last night at the meeting, and expressed themselves as much gratified with the progress being made.

REMOVING A DISHONEST TRUSTEE.

After having enjoyed for many years the reputation of being a man of wealth and shining honesty, James L. Wheatley suddenly ran away from his home, No. 173 Remsen-street Brooklyn, in August last, leaving behind him proofs that he was a defaulter to several estates of which he was a Trustee. He left his home Aug. 29, and two days later a member of his family received a letter from him in which he said he would not return until the trouble was blown over. He has not since been heard from. Wheatley was one of the Executors and Trustees of the estate of Hewett L. Williams, who died in this City in July, 1874. His fellow-Executor and Trustee was Mr. Henry Amedée Vatable, of this City. The estate consisted altogether of personalty. The Trustees kept the money in the Dime Savings Bank, and the bonds and securities they deposited in a box in their joint names with the Long Island Safe Deposit Company. Mr. Vatable went to Europe last Summer, and was in Paris when informed of Wheatley's defalcation. He returned to this City in October, and made an investigation of the affairs of the Williams estate. He found that Wheatley had taken $34,000 worth of securities from the box in the possession of the Long Island Safe Deposit Company, and had also misapplied $1,500 or $2,000 of the income of the estate. He subsequently learned that Wheatley had hypothecated the stolen securities with the Fulton Bank of Brooklyn, and then gave that institution a power of attorney under which they were sold. A suit has been begun against Wheatley and the bank. An application was made to the Supreme Court against parties to get the consent of Wheatley from Tombs Prison. The case was referred to William A. Boyd, who took testimony in the matter Feb. 18, and then prepared a report recommending Wheatley's removal. Judge Donohue confirmed that report yesterday, and also appointed Mr. Vatable as sole Executor and Trustee of the depopulled estate.

A CENTENARIAN LECTURER.

There was a somewhat motley and uncouth gathering at St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church (colored) last evening, the occasion being the reappearance of one of those quaint figures which the anti-slavery movement brought into prominence. Sojourner Truth's history borrowed its significance altogether from her extreme age—at the lowest calculation 103 years, as she was liberated from slavery under the Emancipation act that took effect on Jan. 1, 1863, and under the terms of the act must have been more than 40 years old. A surgeon of her master, now an old man, says that she then looked as old as she looks now, and that she still uses her faculties and memory. She is still active and rapid in her movements. The lecture was a rambling discourse, and at its conclusion Sojourner Truth sang a hymn. At one time the half-forgotten figure that emerged from long obscurity last night was a familiar one at anti-slavery meetings, along with Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, and Horace Greeley.

MARRIAGE OF A NEAPOLITAN SWARE.

A remarkable scene was presented in the Committee-room of the Board of Aldermen yesterday. An Italian couple entered the chamber, and through an interpreter, expressed a desire to be united in wedlock by one of the City Fathers. Alderman Rotzel Hall immediately stepped forward and said he was willing to perform the ceremony.

"Where is the lady?" asked Mr. Hall.

"Here she is," replied the interpreter, at the same time introducing the bride, who was not much over 3 feet in height. Her hope had was medium-sized. She wore the costume of a Neapolitan peasant, although chosen for public order of her face indicated that she was in good health. After the Alderman had performed the ceremony, the pair left the room, followed by a large train of their Italian acquaintances.

A REMARKABLE ANNIVERSARY.

A reception of distinguished citizens is being arranged to take place on the 16th of March, at the residence of Mr. Cyrus W. Field, in Gramercy Park, the event to be commemorated being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first meeting of the projectors of the enterprise of laying a transatlantic telegraph cable, which was laid in 1854. The first cable was laid four years later, and through it became temporarily in a very brief time after the ceremonies. Some of Professor Morse, Peter Cooper, Vincent Nolan, Chief Engineer Shubrick and Captain Vivian, who were the prime movers in the enterprise, will be present, and it is expected that Mr. Cyrus W. Field will be the guest of the evening. The Committee of Arrangements are Messrs. Edward Cooper, Chairman, Henry Ward Beecher, Chauncey M. Depew, Thurlow Weed, Marshall O. Roberts, Moses Taylor, Samuel L. Mitchell, Jacob Sharp, Henry Hilton, Hamilton Fish, Jr., Abram S. Hewitt, Wilson G. Hunt, Stephen Cambreleng, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., Henry Sanford, Jr., Henry Cruse Murphy, Henry Sanford, Jr., Henry Cruse Murphy, Henry Sanford, Jr., Henry Cruse Murphy,

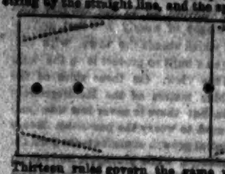
NEW RULES FOR BILLIARDS.

IMPROVING THE THREE-BALL GAME.

MODIFICATIONS MADE AT THE INSTANCE OF H. W. COLLENDER—HOW EXPERT PLAYERS WILL HEREAFTER BE GOVERNED IN THEIR MATCH GAMES.

The large runs recently made in this City by billiard players, through the medium of "rail nursing," which robbed the ordinary three-ball French carom game of many of its striking features, prompted Mr. H. W. Collender, to whom is due the credit of having made five popular improvements in the game of billiards, to introduce a sixth modification, which should make the French carom game satisfactory to all spirits. The task of determining the character of the modification necessary to meet the popular demand for a change was intrusted to Mr. Benjamin Garno, of the *Clipper*, who finished his task a few days ago with an invention known as "The Champion's Game," copyrighted last week by Mr. Collender. Mr. Garno has accomplished his difficult task with commendable cleverness, and there can be but little doubt that the new game will meet with general favor, as it will alike satisfy the lovers of "rail nursing," the admirers of "bank" shots and "cushion carooms," and the many critics who consider "open-table" play the only proper thing in billiards.

The most important change in the ordinary French game, made by the "improvement," consists, as a matter of course, in the method by which "rail nursing" has been modified and limited. This result has been accomplished by two improvements, the first being the restoration of the "string line" of the old American four-ball game, which ran diagonally across the table from the second upper "spots" or "diamonds," and which was replaced in the three-ball game by the six-inch radius. The second improvement consists of what might be termed an enlargement of the "bank" line in the present game. "Bank" lines are drawn on the cloth from the second "diamond" of the long rails to the first diamond of the short rails, the former being four diagonal lengths of a diamond in the center of the table, with 14-inch bases and 28-inch perpendiculars. The three spots remain as hitherto, in the table, with the "balk" lines, and clearly seen on the green cloth with tailor's chalk, and the surface shown in the following diagram, in which the "balk" lines are represented by dotted lines, the string by the straight line, and the spots by dots:



Thirteen rules govern the game under this new method of playing, and several of them are entirely new departures from the rules now in vogue. Rule 2, in the first place, abolishes the old "6-inch radius" to which the players were restricted when the balls were spotted, and provides that after the players have shot from the "string," the winner may either require his opponents ball to be placed on the string-line spot, and take the lead himself, or may allow his adversary open the game, as he chooses.

The opening strokes can be made from any point within the string, either by the usual "restricted" shot," or a "one-cushion draw" carom from the red, or a direct "draw" upon the white object ball from the red. But whenever the balls are "spotted," after the game has begun, the player can make the three-cushion carom prescribed as an opening stroke, or count in any other way he may deem fit or possible. In this connection, and with reference to "freezes," rule 10 makes another wide and important departure from the established custom, by allowing the player to play from the ball with which the one-ball is in contact, direct upon the free object ball, or to make a "bank" shot upon the object balls, or to play from the string, after having the object balls spotted. Under the old rules, the latter course only was open to the players. Whenever a player forces the one-ball upon the table with a counting stroke, or when he elects to "spot" balls after a "freeze," Rule 3 provides that the cue-ball shall be the hazard, the non-striker's ball never being "in hand." Rule 4, another very radical change is made by rule 4, which puts a premium upon "cushion caroms" and "bank" shots, styles of play which are growing in popularity with a certain class of players. It provides that carooms instead of scoring but one point as heretofore, shall be counted in each case, two and three, one point, of course, being counted for a "miss" by the non-striker when the striker fails to hit either object ball. For every "direct" or "single cushion" shot one point is awarded, two points being awarded custom made with five or three cushions, and three points for those scored with four or more cushions. This carom "award" is barred, however, if the cue-ball, after striking an object ball, caroms on a ball which is any of the "balk lines." As a "cushion" shot in such a position is seldom other than a chance shot, it merely counts the same as a direct or single cushion carom, should the player strike the ball within the "balk" line first, however, and then count with four or more cushions, he receives the full premium of three points. Or, if the player chooses, he may take two or more cushions before striking either object ball, and for each "bank" shot will be awarded either two or three, provided the second object ball be struck while lying outside a "balk" line. Any ball whose line on the "balk" line is counted as lying within the indicated space. In case the second object ball which is to be hit, should lie so near the "balk" line as to render it doubtful whether it is upon it or not, the referee shall decide, if the player adopts the course now taken in "scotch" shots, namely, calling for judgment from his opponent as to whether the ball is "in" or "out" of the line, and then should a dispute arise between the players on the subject, the question is left to the referee for decision. In connection with this part of the game, where disputes are sure to take place, rule 11 provides that whenever the two object balls lie within any of the prescribed places not more than two shots can be made with one or both balls are driven out and drawn back into one zone again, in which case caroms may be made in any number, as long as the player can continue the very difficult practice of driving the balls out of the line and drawing them back successfully. Should the player not succeed in driving an object ball out of the space on his second shot, he can make but one more shot for the purpose of separating the balls for "safety," but the stroke does not count, and the player's hand is out. These "balk" lines, it will be seen, put a stop to extensive "nurse runs" by either American or French players. Fancy expert being unable, as a general rule, to have the balls in front of them, usually play them in the corners in the short rails, but as the improved game only allows a playing surface of 60 inches on the short rails, the balls cannot be "turned" and played to and fro as at present. Although the game adds about double as much playing surface as the long rails, the limitation upon the "turning" of the balls operates in the same manner as on the short rails, and thus prevents a monotonous series of "nurse" shots, and necessitates the adoption of "open-table" play.

The new game also prescribes "safety" play by the liberate "miss," a course often adopted formerly when a player found the balls left in a position from which it was not impossible to make a carom from stroke. Under the old rules, a player could play "safety," but if they fell to score a ball either by contact or design, no carom rule 12 provides that the unemployed player may claim either the point that "should" be his, or may oust any ball he pleases to off a "balk" strength, any stroke made for "safety" in this game must be made from the "safety" line, the tendency of which will be to discourage the practice of "safety" play, a tendency which is in the direction of a "game" game. Rule 9, in reference to "fouls," deprives the striker of the advantages enjoyed under the old rules of playing for "safety" if he touched an object ball, making it "unmatchable" to the hazard, thus ending the abrupt ending of many "safety" fouls. The last important change made in the modification of a rule compelling a player to name "him" object ball which belongs each shot under the category of "fouls." A tournament under these rules will be played in Cooper Institute in April.

LOCOMOTIVE-MAKING IN PATERSON, N. J.

The three locomotive establishments in Paterson, N. J., can turn out about 500 engines annually, and just before the panic were making them at the rate of about 400 yearly, thus giving employment to 3,500 men. For three or four years after the panic, however, their manufacture was reduced to almost nothing, and barely 300 or 400 men were employed, and these mostly on other work. In 1876 only 25 engines were completed, in 1878 about 50, and in 1877 an still smaller number. Last year the business improved rapidly, and 111 locomotives were built. This year the works are more active, and have already sent out 28 engines since Jan. 1. Upward of 1,000 hands are now employed.

A MODEST OFFER FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

The recent discussion in the New-Jersey Legislature in reference to the cost of the District Courts, and the argument that they ought to be abolished because they "don't pay expenses," has prompted a writer in a Paterson paper to call attention to the fact that in six years the Supreme Court and the Court of Chancery have cost the State $460,000; over and above receipts, and he suggests that the Supreme Court should be abolished. A Newark man, with every confidence in his own ability, has offered to take the positions of Chancellor, and of Sheriff and County Clerk of Essex County, for $2,000 a year. Such are some of the vagaries among the dispositions of justice in New-Jersey.

BURGLARS SENTENCED.

Quite a number of burglars were disposed of in the Courts of General Sessions yesterday. Edward Smith, a seaman, living at No. 63 Washington-street, attempted to pawn portion of a quantity of clothing valued at $300, stolen from the clothing warehouse of Morris Cohen, No. 251 Greenwich-street, and was arrested. He was brought before Judge Gildersleeve, and pleaded guilty to receiving stolen goods. He was sentenced to four years in State Prison. Henry Peters, of No. 9 Mulberry-street, and James O'Neil, of No. 19 Bowery-street, in whose possession was found $[illegible] worth of fancy goods stolen from the establishment of J. [illegible], No. 158 Canal-street, also pleaded guilty. Peters, who is a deaf mute, was sent to State Prison for two years, and O'Neil was committed to the House of Refuge for three years. In Judge Gildersleeve's court, Patrick Brady, of No. 321 East Sixty-third-street, indicted for breaking into the house store of Patrick O'Rourke, No. 1,001 First-avenue, and stealing therefrom a gold watch-chain and locket and $300 in money, was tried and found guilty of burglary. The prisoner was sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary.

THE BROOKLYN ALDERMEN.

PATRICK TORNEY REAPPOINTED KEEPER OF THE CITY HALL—CHARGES AGAINST A PUBLIC OFFICER.

On the 20th of January last Mayor Howell, of Brooklyn, vetoed resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen appointing a number of minor officers, such as hall-keepers, watchmen, &c. It has been customary for the party having the majority in the Board of Aldermen to control the patronage involved in these appointments. The matter was allowed to remain in abeyance until yesterday, when the aldermen, at their regular meeting, passed the rescinded over the Mayor's veto. Another appointment which was made yesterday has been the cause of much excited discussion among the politicians for several months. The term of office of the present keeper of the City Hall expires next April. The position has been held for years by Mr. Patrick Torney, a veteran Democrat. Mr. Torney has gained the good-will of the men of all parties whose business brings them to the City Hall, by his uniform courteous manner. It was supposed, however, that the Republicans having so large a majority in the board would certainly appoint a Republican to the position. Ex-Alderman Mill, who is very popular with his party, and, indeed, outside of it, was a candidate for the place, and his chances of success were deemed good. The Republicans were, however, disappointed in the result. Mr. Torney, he was yesterday reappointed on motion of Alderman Powers, the Republican representative of the Twenty-fifth Ward. A resolution passed Jan. 13, directing an investigation by the Third-avenue sewer, Job, and vetoed by the Mayor, was passed over the veto. Alderman Powers, in explaining the resolution, intimated that the object of the Mayor's veto was to protect thieves. Mr. Hay said further that the board had listened with indignation to words which had not written by the Mayor, but emanated from the same source as his Message. The following preamble and resolution, introduced by Alderman Smith, Republican, of the Fifteenth Ward, caused considerable of a sensation:

Whereas, The appointment of a committee of this board to investigate the affairs of the Kings County Lunatic Asylum, to the support of which the city largely contributes, was closely followed by the restoration of nearly $4,000, which, it was discovered, had been which amount the late Treasurer of the Board of Trustees was a defaulter to the Lunatic Asylum; and

Whereas, The resignation of the Keeper of the Public Park, and the resignation of the Superintendent of the Fire Department, show that the late President of the aforesaid department had illegally retained in his possession, and appropriated to his own use, from June, 1875, to the 5th of November, 1877, without interest, the sum of $[illegible] belonging to the company to nearly $20,000, all of which sum was collected during this interval in the Kerosene Bureau established by the Fire Department, and which, under section 16 of title 19 of the charter, belonged to the city, and should, under section 20 of the charter, have been turned over to the City Treasurer, the office of Treasurer of the Fire Department not having been established by the Board of Aldermen; and

Whereas, The late President of the Fire Department has never paid any interest to the city on the said sums thus retained in violation of the laws; and

Whereas, Section 4 of the charter provides that the Comptroller to report all such violations of law to the Mayor, and the Mayor to report the officer who shall not make the proper monthly returns of all moneys received by him, and on account of the city to the Treasurer, neither of which duties has been done; and

Whereas, Section 4 of title 19 of the charter makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary, not exceeding five years, for any Collector or Deputy Collector of the city, or member of the Fire Department, in any way whatsoever, or to deposit elsewhere than in the City Treasury any portion of the moneys or checks received by him as Collector or Deputy Collector, therefore, be it

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Alderman Kerns, Democrat, said he was in favor of an investigation, but he objected to the preamble. After a short discussion the matter was laid over for one week. Mr. Massey, President of the Department of City Works, whose methods it is proposed to investigate, was mainly instrumental, after Mayor Howell, in procuring the indictments against his fellow-Commissioners, Messrs. Flaherty and Benedetto upon which they will be tried in a few weeks.

The Health Committee, acting under a resolution directing them to ascertain what action had been taken to remove the sale of diseased meat and fowl for human food, submitted a communication from the Health Board narrating in detail the steps which have been taken since the advent of pleuro-pneumonia amongst cattle to accomplish the end in view. The communication, among other things, contained the statement that an examination of samples of pork bought in different parts of the city had been made. Trichinae specimens were found, but no trichinae.

THREE YOUTHFUL CRIMINALS.

Mathew Ledermann, James P. Topping, and John J. Sipher, Jr., the three youths who were indicted for being implicated in the conspiracy to rob the store of Mann Brothers, jewelers, No. 29 Maiden-lane, were brought as for sentence before Judge Cowing, in the General Sessions Court, yesterday, having pleaded guilty some weeks since. Topping, who was the agency of Mr. Mann, was interrupted with the combination of the jewelry safe and vault and the confidence reposed in him. For months he was in charge of the safe and vault, and in addition to the safe contained a quantity of jewelry, which he disposed of by the aid of Ledermann and Tischer. In the plot to rob the Centre-street, Sipher, who was a clerk in the employ of the firm, was to furnish the keys of the safe and vault.

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The Signal Service Bureau reports indications for to-day, in this region, easterly to southerly winds, with increasing cloudiness, snow and rain, slowly rising temperature and falling barometer.

A week from to-day the legal existence of the Forty-fifth Congress will expire. The chances of an extra session will chiefly depend on the action of the Senate. The only appropriation bill remaining for action in the House is the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial, and there is an evident intention to shift to a Conference Committee the contest over the legislation repealing the Election law which the Democrats insist on incorporating with that bill. The Senate amendment to the Deficiency bill, appropriating $250,000 to meet the deficiency in the Department of Justice incurred by payments for enforcing the Election law, will raise the same issue in another form, and will, undoubtedly, be the subject of tedious wrangling between the two houses. Certain Senate amendments to the Internal Revenue bill—among them the dropping of the provision for the repeal of the match tax—have been non-concurred in by the House, and that bill will also go to a Conference Committee. When the Postal Appropriation bill is reached on the Speaker's table, there will probably be another conference demanded on the Roach subsidy, as it seems unlikely that the concurrence of the House on that job can be secured. Whether these and other subjects of difference between the two houses can be adjusted before noon of Tuesday next is an entirely open question.

The House showed a gleam of sense yesterday in the prompt and conclusive defeat of Mr. Hooker's bill appropriating several millions of dollars for the erection of public buildings throughout the country. These appropriations were placed where they were best calculated to secure votes for the bill, though its fate shows it to have been a more than usually clumsy and shameless attempt at log-rolling. The bill started with an appropriation of $250,000 for a new Post Office building in Brooklyn—a provision which did not prevent Mr. Chittenden from denouncing the entire measure. The spectacle of a member having sufficient principle and independence to refuse to support an appropriation for his district, because of the questionable means adopted to secure it, is sufficiently rare in Congress to make Mr. Chittenden's action worthy of notice.

As it has passed the Senate, the Army Appropriation bill is materially changed from its original shape. The clauses providing for a reorganization of the Army have been taken out. Another important change is the striking out of the section which makes it unlawful for any civil, military, or naval officer, under severe penalties, to move troops to any point near a place where an election is being held. The clause giving railroad companies the right to do a general commercial telegraph business was finally adopted, but with some modifications. This part of the bill, known as the Butler amendment, has been bitterly fought by the friends of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the discussion of its merits has been, at times, very acrimonious. The importance of this measure has undoubtedly been exaggerated, and its principal effect will be to act as a check upon the operations of a great corporation, which, under an oppressive management, might need it. But the whole bill, with its prunings and its additions, has yet to pass the ordeal of a conference committee. It is not likely that the House will accept the amendments of the Senate without demur, and it is impossible to say what shape this much-amended bill will have finally assumed when it goes to the President.

The attempt of Mr. Ewing to revive the Anti-Resumption bill on Saturday was even more forlorn, according to the *Record*, than the press reports represented. In the discussion which took place, many gentlemen of by no means radical hard-money views denounced Mr. Ewing's course as "stupid," "short-sighted," and "ill-timed." Mr. Cannon declared that what the country wanted was that Congress should let the currency alone. Mr. Garfield said that the country would have been better off if Congress had adjourned every session the past four years after passing the Appropriation bills. Mr. Crittenden said that we "have resumption in spite of Congress, but we have it without harm to any one. The people like it, and will try it," whatever men like Messrs. Ewing and Kelley might do to stop it. Mr. Hazelton, of Wisconsin, made a strong speech in support of the national banking system, which had been violently assailed by the friends of the bill. On the whole, the spirit of the proceedings was more encouraging than anything which has occurred in the House in a long time.

The Legislature will resume work to-day, and it is to be hoped that one of its first duties will be to dispose of the question of retrenchment in the public expenses of this City. There can be no good reason for dallying any longer with a subject in regard to which the obligations of the Legislature are perfectly simple, and which has been presented in a shape which admits of immediate action. It is true that Mr. Strahan's bill does not exhaust the possibilities of cheaper government for New-York, and that it must be followed by legislation reducing the salaries attached to judicial offices protected by the Constitution—these reductions to take effect after the close of the term of the present incumbents. But this bill presents at least a substantial slice of economy, and unless it can pass, the chances of any other measure of relief for local tax-payers, are slim indeed. The office-holders whom the bill is likely to affect will, doubtless, be more vigorous in their opposition to it than the people whom it is intended to benefit will be in its support. But as it is these people whom legislators are supposed to represent, it must be assumed that the interests of the public, as distinguished from those of individuals, will be safe in their hands.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE YEAR.

The business community can look forward to the remainder of the present year with a freedom from anxiety in many respects which they have not enjoyed for a long time. With the adjournment of Congress—unless there should be an extra session, which is not probable, and which, if it occurs, is not likely to be a long one—the danger of disturbance from financial legislation, which has so long hung over the interests of the country, will disappear for at least the rest of the year. The Redemption act will continue to be applied by the Secretary of the Treasury substantially as at present. The debased silver which is being, and under existing law must be, coined at the minimum rate of two millions per month, will be allowed by Mr. Sherman to accumulate, and will not be forced upon any Government creditor against his will. The legal-tender notes, if presented for redemption, will be redeemed, and unless, during the next week, Congress shall pass some measure directing their disbursement for some specific purpose, they also will be retained in the Treasury, and whatever may be the extent of their redemption, no considerable change in the currency is to be apprehended from this source. The one very important condition of active and successful business, a currency at par with the currency of the commercial world, and not liable to change increase or decrease, may therefore be counted on.

Nor this alone. Under the operation of existing statutes, the bank-note currency of the country is subjected to far more conservative influences than before. By the terms of the law, each bank is required to keep constantly in the Treasury a fund equal to 5 per cent. of its outstanding circulation, to enable the Treasury to redeem its notes. Up to the present time, this provision has resulted only in the exchange of worn and mutilated notes for new and clean ones; but, as we indicated at the time of the passage of the bill, the law may have a very different and much wider effect. If from any cause the notes of the banks should be issued in excessive amounts, they would now be redeemed, through a perfectly efficient agency, well equipped and accustomed to its work, in legal tenders, which themselves are redeemable in gold. While the bank-notes were redeemable only in irredeemable Government paper of about the same volume, there was little inducement under any circumstances for requiring such redemption. Nor is there likely to arise any demand for it in the immediate future. But the machinery for redemption exists, and the duty is imposed on the banks to provide for it. The fact is a not unimportant element in the situation as tending to maintain confidence in the permanent and practical soundness of the currency.

On the other hand, there is no ground for any fear as to a lack of currency. Banking under our laws is entirely free, and the bank-note circulation can be promptly and readily increased whenever the condition of business shall be such that an increase proves necessary. The legal tenders are now removed, let us hope forever, from the manipulation of speculators. No such thing as a lock-up or an artificial stringency is possible. There is sure to be always available an ample supply of sound paper currency, either of legal-tenders or bank-notes. Besides which, we are again in communication with the great reservoirs of gold throughout the world, and, should circumstances demand any increase of that metal, the natural laws of supply and demand will inevitably bring it to our shores.

The current year will also be free from any extraordinary political excitement. No general election will occur, and none at all in which financial questions need take a prominent place, though it would be rash to say that they will not enter into some of the State elections. But recent local elections tend to show that the organization of parties on these issues is not likely to be extended or even to be maintained during the current year. The next Congress has been chosen, and though it is not likely to be a very safe or wise Congress, so far as we can judge, there is good reason to hope that it will be unable to seriously embarrass the present financial policy or impair general credit. The country is justified, therefore, in looking forward to a considerable period of rest from political disturbance, and of freedom to pursue its regular business interests without the vexatious interruption and interference from which it has suffered so much and so long.

The outlook from a purely commercial point of view is also reasonably encouraging. The statistics of failures, incomplete and unsatisfactory as they are, go to show that a great part of the exaggerated indebtedness under which the business community labored at the time of the revulsion in 1873, is either paid, compromised, or wiped out and abandoned. The general credit of the country, though by no means in perfect condition, nor as free from possibilities of embarrassment as it ought to be, is in a sounder condition than it has been for many years. There is a fair degree of confidence, and there is not, what is quite as dangerous as general distrust, so much of the over-confidence which leads to rash speculation. There have not been wanting recently signs of desperate speculation in the stock market, but this is something which may always be expected. The healthy symptom at present is, that the general public is involved to a comparatively slight extent. The number of outsiders who are subject to the perilous temptation to take a "shy" at Wall-street, or some similar centre of stock gambling, has notably decreased. The smaller it grows the better it will be for the solid interests of the country.

It is to be hoped that all classes will avail themselves of the opportunities which may present themselves during the period of promise which seems to be before us, at once with energy and prudence. While there is every encouragement for legitimate enterprise, based on industry and capital, and conducted with vigilance and integrity, there is none for assuming rash risks. The day of quick and large fortunes has measurably gone by, and will not soon return. Undoubtedly, we shall not be able to restrain our pace for long. It is nearly as certain as that time will roll round that our late depression will gradually change, first, to moderate prosperity, then to undue expansion of credit and speculation, then to feverish activity, finally culminating in another reverse. What is called the periodicity of panics has its origin in human nature, and in some of its most deeply-rooted motives, but though it involves a great deal of failure and suffering to the community at large, its worst consequences can be avoided by individuals who have learned prudence, self-restraint, and, above all, unwavering honesty.

MR. SMYTH AND HIS DEPARTMENT.

What have the Senatorial defenders of Superintendent Smyth to say with regard to the facts now transpiring, and the evidence which his own department furnishes against his method of doing business? And how do his friends in the Assembly, who have resented the Governor's proposal to abolish the department, reconcile their declarations as to its usefulness and the efficiency of its head with the exposure of the manner in which both have dealt with the Globe Mutual? Mr. Smyth's acquittal in the face of conclusive evidence of his wrong-doing was sufficiently shameless to suggest a doubt as to the integrity of those who were responsible for it. The recent attempt to bolster up his administration of the affairs intrusted to him, and to represent him as a trustworthy guardian of policy-holders' interests in opposition to scheming and dishonest managers, was in its way quite as inexcusable.

Any doubt that exists with reference to the action of the Legislature is a result of characteristics not creditable to its members. Partisan influences on one side, the intrigues of an Insurance Ring on the other, explain the failure to hold the Superintendent to a rigid accountability for the performance of his duties, and to so amend the laws as to enable the public to obtain for themselves the protection which the department does not afford. Meanwhile the public are forming their own judgment as to the necessity for stringent measures to secure good management, and as to the folly of attaching importance to the reports or certificates of a department having a man like Smyth as its chief executive. The story of the Globe Mutual carries a moral to which the Legislature may be indifferent, but which a legion of thrifty, intelligent men, with a direct pecuniary interest in life insurance, correctly appreciate.

Mr. Smyth has printed testimonials received from certain companies in reply to the letter intended to elicit precisely the puffs which are cited in support of the department. The Knickerbocker Company gave one of these testimonials, and the exhibit of the Knickerbocker's mortgage-list enabled us to judge of the value of praise from that quarter. The Globe Mutual gave another, that deserves to be quoted as an example of the cool effrontery which talks of "safeguards" in the midst of rottenness and wrong. "The abolition of the Insurance Department," writes the Globe, "would be the removal of a safeguard which now serves as a protection alike to policy-holders and companies." How little trust should be reposed in testimony of this character, is obvious to any man who considers the relations that exist between companies having something to conceal and a Superintendent who helps them to make concealment possible. It does not often happen, however, that the relationship is brought out so clearly as it has been in this instance. Thus, when the Globe Mutual exalted Smyth into a safeguard, whose removal would be a calamity, its President had in his possession a letter from Smyth setting forth as the result of an examination a certain small "surplus as regards policy-holders" of the company, and ending with this extraordinary indorsement: "The Superintendent is gratified that the foregoing result of the examination of this company shows a surplus of $238,322 27, with which it should be enabled to do a flourishing and prosperous business."

The public do not forget, though the Legislature may, that the examination of the Globe Mutual took place seven months prior to the date of Smyth's certificate; that that examination showed the management to be corrupt and reckless, and the company to be unsound, if not insolvent; that Mr. McCall, who made the examination, admits that the certificate should not have been given; that the "surplus" which Smyth announced has no real existence; finally, that the Attorney-General has under consideration the question, whether prosecutions shall be instituted against the officers whom Smyth upheld, and who in part repaid him for the service by vouching for him as a safeguard, whose loss policy-holders and companies would alike deplore. A Superintendent with the slightest sense of decency would shrink out of sight before the shame of this exposure. If the Legislature had any proper conception of the fitness of things, he would resign to escape removal.

The truth is that the Globe Mutual is but one illustration of the worthlessness of the present Insurance Department, and of the folly of reposing confidence in its certificates. We would not be understood as including Mr. McCall in this censure, though he would more effectually have vindicated himself had he protested publicly against action which in some degree compromises him. He is a subordinate, however, and while he conducts examinations Mr. Smyth comes to terms with managers and allows them to "fix things" in a manner enabling them to hoodwink their policy-holders and victimize the public. To-day we hear of the Globe Mutual. Not long ago we heard of the Universal, whose condition was worse than that of the Globe, whose management had been equally disgraceful, and whose need of decisive treatment was greater. Mr. Smyth affects a horror of Receivers, and undoubtedly the law respecting the functions they are appointed to perform, is bad. There is room for radical amendment in the provisions of the law for winding up insolvent companies. But there are grosser evils than those arising out of a Receivership, and the arrangement sanctioned by Mr. Smyth in the case of the Universal Company is one of them. Under the pretense of enabling the company to resume business, he has allowed it to practice flagrant injustice upon the policy-holders, whose position and prospects are at this moment darker than they could have been under an honest Receivership. For a life insurance company justly discredited there can be no future; mercy to its policy-holders requires that its business be closed. Yet Mr. Smyth has played into the hands of the men who ruined the Universal, and has aided their scheme for shielding its mismanagement, and saving themselves at the expense of the policy-holders.

Mr. F. A. Freeman's arrest recalls attention to the affairs of the Guardian Mutual and the Widows' and Orphans' Companies. If we could have a full, true, and particular history of the latter concern, a good deal of light would be cast upon the methods that have brought fortune to a few persons behind the scenes and distress to many who depended on their representations. The Guardian Mutual, like the New-Jersey Mutual, furnishes a fresher exemplification of the mockery of the supervision exercised by the Insurance Department, and of the hopelessness of deriving protection from authority vested in Mr. John F. Smyth.

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN.

The action of Harvard University in providing for a course of instruction for girls exactly parallel with that pursued by the regularly matriculated students, and for the granting of certificates of proficiency corresponding with the degrees conferred upon graduates, marks an important advance in the facilities for higher education for women, while it successfully avoids the vexed controversy regarding coeducation of the sexes. Aside from that controversy, there has been little difference of opinion of late among enlightened people as to the advisability of affording to the gentler sex all the opportunities for advancement in knowledge which are accorded to young men, so far as they may be able and willing to profit by them. There have been colleges founded for the special behoof of girls, but their courses of study have been arranged more or less on the supposition that female education is properly something different from male education; the resources and appliances of the institutions have fallen far below those of a thoroughly-equipped university, and the standard of scholastic attainment has been merely something a little higher than that of seminaries with less pretentious titles. Five years ago Harvard College began the experiment of examinations for women, and the result has proved the existence of a want, but appears not to have met it fully. These examinations have been conducted by members of the Faculty, not only in Cambridge, but in this City, in Philadelphia, and in Cincinnati, on certain prescribed courses of study, and where they were successfully passed certificates have been given, which bore the authority of the University, and indicated the fact of the attainment of such proficiency as the courses of study allowed; but these were made up of special selected branches deemed most important for women and best calculated to meet their wishes, but did not by any means correspond to a full college curriculum. Hence, the certificates merely indicated a rather indefinite amount of scholarship, but in no sense amounted to the degrees of graduates.

The present scheme will probably not wholly supersede the examinations, as it will require residence at Cambridge, and the devotion of the whole time of the lady students to a course of intellectual training corresponding to that imposed upon the undergraduates of the college. While they will not enter the classes, nor be subject to the regular discipline of the institution, they will have the benefit of instruction by the Professors, the privileges of the library, laboratories, museums, and general lectures, and will be subjected to the regular examinations; and the certificates which they receive on completing the course, though not regular diplomas conferring the degree of Bachelor, will have the same significance, so far as scholarship is concerned. Why any distinction at all should be maintained is not quite clear, as the real value of a degree consists solely in the evidence it furnishes of studies successfully pursued, and attainments acquired. The plan, it will be seen, will furnish to girls the actual advantages of the college for mental training, without being open to the objections urged against coeducation, for they will live almost as completely apart from the interior "college life" as any of the families of Cambridge. It will place at their command what none of the "female colleges" can offer, it will present a whole where the examinations for women present a part, and it will meet every reasonable requirement for university instruction. It will differ from the plan of Girton College, in England, inasmuch as that is a separate institution, with its own appliances and instructors, and is connected with the University at Cambridge only by a parallelism of studies and by the examinations and certificates of scholarship.

Not only are all questions of the propriety of coeducation avoided, but largely also those that relate to the different educational requirements of the two sexes. The course of study at Harvard College is now mainly "elective" after the first year. There has been a vast extension of the domain of learning since Bacon's day, and, if there had not been, it would be hardly practicable for all our aspiring youth to emulate him in taking all knowledge for his province. In the vast field before the student, some selection must be made, either by himself or by somebody for him, and our most progressive institution of learning has at last abandoned the old policy of laying down a uniform curriculum for all minds and all tastes within rigid barriers. In this it has no doubt done wisely, and it now offers a great variety of courses from which the student, under such counsel and advice as he may have, can make his own choice. If some branches are masculine and some are feminine, then can the masculine and feminine minds, whether possessed by men or women, follow their own bent in the selection of studies, and in filling up the time allotted for their education. If this is a safe rule for young men, it is no less so for the thoughtful and sober-minded girls who are likely to accept the benefits offered by the university, and the question of the proper studies for them will be decided by their own taste and judgment, with the help of judicious friends and advisers. Should this scheme prove to work well on trial, we see no reason why Harvard College should not in time provide, in the neighborhood of its present grounds in Cambridge, proper accommodations for its lady students, and give them the opportunity to develop a social college life of their own.

THE ABOLITION OF GRAMMAR.

The State of Texas, one of the younger members of the Federal Union, has taken a bold stand on the subject of grammar. Without party distinction or difference, the Legislature has solemnly abolished the tenses, has broken down the walls of partition between the genders, and has enacted that a verb may not agree with its nominative in number and in person, unless it chooses so to agree. This is a great advance in human liberty, and we call upon the Legislature of our own and other States to follow so illustrious an example. So great a man as Lincoln was wont to say that grammar and punctuation were largely a matter of feeling. And it is certainly high time that our country, the land of the free and the home of the brave, should declare itself independent of those rules of grammar which hold in thraldom the effete nations of the Old World. Texas has had much trouble with enforcing statutes drawn by legislators who have a noble independence of the musty, dusty rules of the schoolmen. Now, after years of wrestling with the difficulties of construing laws through which any smart lawyer can drive a six-mule team, all grammar is abolished, and the law-makers are to be judged by what they meant to say, rather than by what they have said.

For example, in Article 3, section 138, of the new Code of Texas, we find this liberal provision: "The present or past tense shall include the future." Another clause of the same section provides that "the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the neuter." And yet another clause is to the effect "that a verb shall not be strictly held to an agreement with its nominative case in number and person." There is an air of independence about these enactments which must convince the most superficial observer that the Texas law-makers are freemen, and will never, under any circumstances, be enslaved by a blind and unreasoning prejudice in favor of grammatical rules. Why the present or past tense of a verb shall not also include the future tense, we leave the apologists of monarchical institutions to explain. In Texas it is decreed by the law-making authority that when a law reads "It has been," or "It is," it may also be construed to mean "It shall be." Therefore, if the statute refers to anything which has happened, it must also be held to refer to what is happening and to what is hereafter to happen. In Texas they have but three tenses. By act of Legislature they are all consolidated in one, so that any, each, or all may be held as past, present, or future at the pleasure of the expounder of the law.

We apprehend, however, some confusion as a result of the provision that in the enforcement of the laws all gender shall be abolished. For example, if, as stipulated, "the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter," suffrage becomes promiscuous in Texas, and all the avenues of political preferment are open to all sexes, masculine, feminine, and neuter. In one section it is provided that "the voter shall prepare his ballot," &c. Under the new construction of law this may be construed, "the voter shall prepare her ballot," &c. and even "the voter shall prepare its ballot." Where will this lead the voting population of Texas? Similarly, the statute relating to sawing off the tips of the horns of dangerously vicious bulls will be held to apply to bulls of the feminine and neuter gender. And the act relating to the licensing of attorneys, must not only read: "Such attorney shall be admitted to the Bar of the State courts when he has filed his declaration as aforesaid," but it must also be construed thus: "Such attorney shall be admitted to the Bar of the State courts when he, she, or it has filed his, her, or its declaration," &c. Clearly, this will admit women to practice at the Bar; but what lawyer in Texas, or elsewhere, we should like to know, would be willing to be described as "it"? Or, again, are we to understand that the statute exempting, among other things, one pair of trousers from seizure for debt is to be applied so as to read "His, her, or its trousers, as aforesaid"?

But we rejoice heartily that Texas has abolished the absurd requirement that a verb must agree with its nominative in number and person. Of all absurd rules, this, we are inclined to think, has been most distasteful to our free-born American fellow-citizens. In rural New-England it is the custom of the descendants of the men who fought at Concord to say, "I be"; and in Texas the sons of revolutionary sires inveriably hold to "they is," while those who have been nursed by African foster-mothers declare "it are." And in some of the Texas statutes we find the nominative "this provision" followed, after an intermediate clause, by the verb "are held to be," &c. Manifestly, under the new order of things, the nominative may be plural and the verb singular, or the nominative singular and the verb plural, just as the courts may choose, or as juries may agree. As the past tense may include the present and the future, to say nothing of the perfect, past-perfect, and future-perfect; and as "he" may be held to mean "she" or "it," there is no human reason why a verb should not be as independent of its nominative noun or pronoun as Texas is independent of his, her, or its parental Mexico. These trammels have been endured quite too long by a proud-spirited people.

Congress, we trust, will hasten to adopt this new declaration of independence. The majority of Congressional orators are sadly hampered by absurd restrictions of grammar. Their tenses are too often confused, their genders involved in doubt, and their verbs unnaturally bereft of legalized nominatives. In the tariff of 1872 there was a clause concerning the duty on fruits which gave the Treasury infinite trouble, and lost, it was said, much revenue to the Government. Whether the clause should read "fruit-plants," &c., or "fruits, plants," &c., was a weighty question; and until Congress met and decided whether a hyphen or a comma were intended to be written, no man knew whether fresh fruit was on the free list or should pay a duty of 20 per cent. How much better it would have been to have abolished punctuation and grammar, and have allowed the untrammeled wisdom of Congress to let itself loose on the statute-books.

The massacre recently perpetrated by the King of Burmah, frightful as it appears, is merely one more example of a custom so universal in the East that it may almost claim rank as a recognized institution. The natural commencement of every Oriental reign is the slaughter or disablement of all possible pretenders to the throne; and the annals, not merely of Burmah, but of Persia, Turkey, Afghanistan, and Bokhara, teem with instances too frightful for quotation. As recently as the close of the last century, a western traveler found one of the royal Princes of Persia going about with a bandage over his eyes, and, on questioning him, was told, with a matter-of-course air which made the statement doubly horrible, that, "as his eldest brother would certainly cut out his eyes on mounting the throne, he was teaching himself to dispense with the use of them." The Turkish Sultan, Mahmoud, famous for his destruction of the Janissaries in 1826, owed his elevation to the fact of his being the only member of the royal family left undaughtered; and the multiplied butcheries of Mehemet Ali are still fresh in every one's recollection.

"Think, my Lord, for one moment what you are, and then think what a Duke of Bedford might have been," was the agreeable reflection suggested by Junius to the then head of the historic house of Russell, but whatever might have been his Grace's sins of omission and commission, he was a more useful and reputable person than the Duke of Newcastle, who lately died in England at the age of 44. The Duke was the son of a nobleman well remembered in New-York in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales, whom he accompanied here in his capacity of Secretary of State for the Colonies. When it was proposed that he should do so, he begged the Queen to excuse him, saying that he was such an unlucky man, but her Majesty would not hear of it, and for once all went well with him. Still it really seemed as though an evil fate had resolved in the Duke's case to neutralize all the good gifts that fortune had bestowed on this nobleman, and to prove that a character, ability, a revenue of $70,000 a year, and a superb seat in the Dukeries, could coexist with copious causes of misery. His wife ran away from him, his only daughter married a drunkard, who went mad, his younger sons, with one exception, were disreputable, and the eldest, just dead, a confirmed and hopeless gambler. His magnificent seat was deserted, and the income from it appropriated to creditors, and but for the fact of his lands being vested in Trustees, not an acre would have remained. The Duchess, the only child of the millionaire, Mr. Hope, of the famous Scoto-Dutch house at Amsterdam, had an income too carefully tied up for her husband to gamble away, on which they lived. Were there many peers such as the late Duke of Newcastle, the hereditary peerage of England would soon be a thing of the past.

Although the work done by Dr. F. V. Hayden and the party under his charge will bear comparison with similar work in any part of the world, the United States Survey is at present at a critical crisis. The trouble seems to be that there are too many survey parties in the field, whose work often overlaps, and which, fortunately, repeat each other with more or less jealousy and bitterness. Matters have, indeed, come to such a pass of confusion and want of system that the authorities at Washington are determined to reorganize the whole service. In the meantime, the report of the United States Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories for the season of 1878 will be found to be an interesting document. A very large amount of work has been done, especially in the region of the Yellowstone National Park. This park contains an area of 3,000 square miles, and the mean elevation is between 7,000 and 8,000 feet above the sea-level. Not more than 1 per cent. of this area can by any possibility be used for agricultural purposes. Dr. Hayden has secured materials for a detailed map of this park on a scale of one mile to an inch, and for maps on a large scale of all the principal geyser and hot spring localities. Several groups of these peculiar springs not heretofore known were discovered during 1878. Sketches and panoramic views, all of great importance in illustrating the geological structure of this most interesting and complicated region, were also secured. There are not, so far as is known, any mines or mineral deposits within the National Park, and the only conspicuous buildings are at the White Mountain Hot Springs. Perhaps it is well to recall the fact that not very long ago the National Academy of Sciences, at the request of the Government, submitted a report in which it was recommended that the whole survey work of the United States be distributed among three distinct organizations, as follows: (1.) The coast and interior survey, whose functions will embrace all questions of position and measurement; (2.) the determination of all questions relating to the mechanical structure and natural resources of the public domain; (3.) the Land Office, controlling the disposition and sale of the public lands, including all questions of title and record. These divisions, it is urged in the report, should work harmoniously to obtain a thorough knowledge of the United States domains in all their aspects, supplementing each other's labors and helping each other in every possible way.

A few days ago the cable informed us of the elevation of Canon Lightfoot to the See of Durham. The vacancy thus created in the canonry of St. Paul's has been filled by the appointment of Prof. Stubbs, the Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford. The appointment has little if any political significance, although Lord Beaconsfield is no doubt responsible for it. While Prof. Stubbs' political sympathies have always been with the Conservative Party, his reputation is the growth of years of toil, and is neither that of a leading ecclesiastic nor of an active politician. His promotion is, indeed, the homage rendered to letters and learning by an English Minister who is the son of a scholar and was once a man of letters himself. The new Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral is a learned and profound historian, much of whose work is hidden away in learned prefaces to that series of the "Rolls Publications" which is pouring a flood of light into the recesses of earlier English history. Much of it, too, has been done at Oxford in lectures; but the ripest fruit of his labors and studies has lately been given to the world in three volumes on the early "Constitutional History of England." In this work he has reconstructed the early institutions and the early social life of the English people. Chronicles and charters, monkish annals and abbey registers, writs, acts, decds, proclamations, decrees, rolls, and registers of Parliaments, household accounts and family records as well as the ordinary sources of current history—all passed under his examination, and nothing escaped him. Indeed, the Professor is an acknowledged leader of the school of patient and self-sacrificing students, and it is all the more fitting that such labors should be acknowledged by preferment which at once confers a merited distinction and affords the necessary leisure for their continued prosecution.

Most Americans who have "done the Continent" have looked upon Monaco and its outlying Monte Carlo, if nothing more. The eye of the traveler involuntarily lightens up as the sea-girt rock which rises to a height of nearly 200 feet, and upon the summit of which stands the town, with the fortress that Vauban built to protect it on the land side, bursts upon the view. On three sides of the mighty rock the blue waters of the Mediterranean splash and tumble, but there is never low tide, and consequently no mud to worry the passer-by. Every form of semi-tropical growth contributes toward the beauty of the landscape, while pineapple and orange trees are almost as plentiful as those of the sombre olive. Even Monte Carlo has been made "an earthly paradise." Terraces cut out of the hill-side, and carpeted with the softest lawns, hold gardens in which the floriculturist reigns supreme. Statues and fountains, fish-ponds and aviaries, lead attention to the place, art vieing with nature to make more lovely this wonderful spot. Music hath her shrines shrouded in dainttiest foliage, and in the concert-halls of Monte Carlo sing the foremost of prima donnas. Incomparable are the views to be had from the gardens, and unsurpassed is the restaurant within these enchanted grounds. And, after all, this place is the abode only of gamblers and those who gamble. It is the home of M. Blanc, son of the man, now dead, who started the gaming-tables at Monaco, and who amassed a fortune of considerably over $15,000,000 by fleecing foolish Americans and others with more money than brains. Not very long ago a young New-Yorker, on his wedding tour, stopped at Monaco to play at roulette, believing he had an infallible recipe for winning. At the end of two days' play he had cleared $5,000, and his young wife, who had reluctantly accompanied him, was fain to desist from her objections. But on the fourth day the New-Yorker lost all he had won, and in less than a week he dropped above $15,000 of his own money. Then the wife stormed and the man went out of his mind, and is now in an insane asylum. The sole proprietor of this terrible "hell," not contented with being one of the wealthiest commoners in Europe, is anxious to invest his capital in a colossal speculation of an altogether unprecedented character. He has made a proposition to the Sublime Porte—so we are informed by a Turkish newspaper printed at Stamboul—that, in exchange for the privilege of establishing gambling saloons at certain places within the Sultan's dominions, he is ready to bind himself under heavy pecuniary penalties to re-establish within a certain limit of time absolute parity between the value of Turkish gold and paper currencies. In other words, he would, with a few waves of the croupier's rake, make Constantinople a fashionable resort for Glaours and the Golden Horn a very cornucopia. But Turkey just now is on her good behavior, and considerations of moral improvement and practical finance forbid any acceptance of this extraordinary proposition.

GENERAL NOTES.

The March dividends payable in Boston aggregate $3,379,979.

The Michigan Democrats and Greenbackers hold their State nominating conventions this week.

Mr. A. D. Mosby, father of Col. John S. Mosby, died in Bedford County, Va., on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Watertown, this State, reports 31 snow-storms since Dec. 19 last, in which 190 inches of snow have fallen.

It is now said that ex-Gov. Hartranft will take the Philadelphia Post Office and enter upon his duties about the 1st of March.

Rochester papers report that George A. Bagg, late Colonel of the Fifty-fourth Regiment, is seriously ill at his home in that city.

Matthew P. Bemus, of Chautauqua County is reported to be improving in health, and the chances are now favorable for his recovery.

The Senate of Illinois has rejected a resolution recommending Congress to reduce the salary of the President to $25,000 per year.

A San Francisco man, whose business partner publicly charged him with overdrawing his account, &c., has obtained a verdict for $3,000 damages against him in a suit for slander after a 10 days' trial.

One Boston hotel-keeper has paid marketmen for supplies $3,392,462 35 in the last 10 years. In 46 years, he says, he has paid them $8,188,906 90. The careful reader will note that he refuses to tell a lie for 10 cents.

The Richmond (Va.) *State*, a Democratic journal, says of Gen. Barlow: "It looks like a very ugly piece of business on his part, and is made all the worse by his declaration that he saw nothing wrong in acting for both sides while the confidential agent of one party."

A Mobile steam-boat Captain says that he refused seven times to take a white male as cargo, fearing ill-luck, but on his last trip encumbered to importunities. On that trip he struck a snag. Well, Waite Hampton could tell him that was better than to have the mule strike him.

A telegram from Newark, Ohio, says that one Noble Patterson, of Hartford, a town near by, having become jealous of his wife, told a Dr. Thurston that if he did not leave within 10 days, and take Mrs. Patterson with him, he would kill him. Thurston did not go, and on the 21st Patterson shot him to death.

A Vermont man has advertised a card in the paper in his town which reads: "Some people have the vulgar habit of calling me Bill; that is not my name, nor any part of it. My name is William Palmer. I forgive all past offenses, but if any person ever calls me Bill after the publication of this letter, I shall take it as a downright insult, and just as much of an insult as though he had called me by any other hateful name that is not my own."

Following is a copy of Hon. George Lunt's sonnet, which was read at the presentation of the statue of Washington to the City of Newburyport, Mass. on Saturday:

"Throughout the world, among the sons of men,
What time like China, beyond the reach of time,
Marches and halts, by Hoang's empty pen,
Embalmed stand, the effigies of her crime;
But thy pure remain, generous and sublime,
Beneath Science not black, the light to cast
That shines through all those, before them dim that shore
How honest Duty was thy ruling star;
How truth, pure, patient, strong, alone
Seeing the glorious future's radiant bar;
Great in the field, and in the chair of State,
Won for thy country honor simply great;
Thy country say they cherished idiom,
The world benighted—Behold the chief of Men!"

THE DIFFICULTIES TO COME.

UNDER THE SURFACE IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

THE FEELING OF CALMNESS IN FRANCE—TROUBLES STILL TO BE DEALT WITH—UNDERGROUND AGITATIONS IN SPAIN—DANGEROUS ELEMENTS IN ITALY—RUSSIA'S DESIGNS.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—As it may be assumed that the Republic is now definitely established in France, future Parliamentary and electoral contests will become mere questions of party. Between Republicans of different shades, not, as has been the case hitherto, turning upon the form of government. The Royalists and Bonapartists are too weak, numerically, to support their pretensions, but they are strong enough to be mischievous, and as they are pretty certain to throw in their vote, whenever it may become a cause of embarrassment to the Cabinet, with the extreme Radicals, we are obliged to admit that M. Gambetta's "era of difficulties" has fairly commenced. The most respectable liberal newspapers are perfectly satisfied with M. Grévy's Message, which, without announcing any particular policy, simply made known his intention to be guided by the wishes of the majority. What these wishes are, what this majority really is, we shall not know until after Tuesday next, when the reception given to the Ministerial programme then to be presented will be an indication of what is to be expected. The extreme organs of the Radical and Monarchical parties are equally bitter, and in the *Français*, *L'Union*, or *La Gazette de France*, we find the same sentiments of unreasoning hatred toward the moderate Conservative Republic incarnated in M. Grévy as are expressed in the *Lanterne* and the *Marseillaise*. So far, not even these new allies venture to attack the President, but his unfortunate Cabinet will have a hard task to steer its bark safely through the breakers which loom up in the discussions of a platform for which it alone is responsible. M. Dufaure foresaw the dangers and prudently withdrew, and his successors, he they named M. Waddington or M. Fournier, have a very unenviable situation in prospect. Since the 4th of September, 1870, France has consumed an enormous quantity of Ministers: 21 have presided over the Department of the Interior, 6 have run the Foreign Office machine, 7 that of the Navy, 8 the Ministry of Justice, 11 Public Works, 11 Agriculture and Commerce, 8 the War Department—in all, 72—giving an average of a little over five-sixths of a Minister per month; and the series is not nearly over, for the present combination is, as I have already said, only a makeshift to ascertain the wishes of the majority, after which a new selection will be made. No one believes in its stability, but, unlike what would have happened if the Dufaure Cabinet had been upset, its fall will be learned with absolute indifference.

The Premier, M. Waddington, is naught but a respectable mediocrity, who has naturally sought to group around him colleagues of his own calibre, fearing, probably, that first-rate men would have hesitated to accept so arduous a responsibility under so weak a leader. M. Tailleyrand de Bort's successor, M. Lepère, was during the Empire the official Councillor of the Yonne Prefecture, and, since then, has been distinguished for his extreme animosity to everything Bonapartist, which will account for much of his present influence. M. Le Royer succeeds, but cannot be said to replace, M. Dufaure, who had gained an immense and varied experience under half a dozen different régimes, in which respect the late Minister of Justice was without a rival in the Chambers, where he was looked upon as a sort of Nestor, whose ill-temper and cross-grained disposition were readily pardoned on account of the wonderful facility with which this master of oratory would change sides and tactics, pleading for or against any party or any motion, equally willing, and with the same apparent conviction, to attack or defend a Government, according as he happened to be in the "Opposition" or a member of the Cabinet. The new ministry is not up to this, but as all that will be asked of him is a general revocation of obnoxious magistrates, his task is comparatively easy. M. Jules Ferry receives the reward of the *ordre du jour* of a fortnight ago, and M. Waddington was somewhat embarrassed in the choice of the portfolio to be offered to this champion of the Dufaure Cabinet on the 20th January. Not having any special fitness, Public Instruction was thought the most suitable to his talents, but, as he is a professed atheist, the Department of Public Worship has been detached and placed temporarily under the direction of the Minister of the Interior, who is nominally a Catholic. This conscientious scruple on the part of M. Waddington has not, however, been favorably received by the Radicals, and may cost him his place, even should he manage to worry through the interpellations concerning his foreign policy at and since the Congress of Berlin. As, with the exception of Messrs. Ferry, Lepère and Le Royer, the Cabinet is constituted as it was under M. Dufaure's presidency, it will be unnecessary to speak of its other members, who have not made themselves very prominent in any way, and it is only fair to say that, if not particularly acceptable to the French, it is favorably judged by foreigners; the favorably, indeed, when a French newspaper, the *Soleil*, whose excessive discretion is generally admitted, ventures to write: "It would seem that foreign nations claim the right to be consulted in matters relating to France, and that in the formation of Cabinets destined to direct our public affairs we must first ascertain what shall most please Germany. M. Waddington, having had the lucky chance of countersigning at Berlin the will of Europe, was naturally designated, by this precedent, which attested his suppleness and his condescension, for the Presidency of the Council." The article finishes by stating that "each great power has similar pretensions. Every one knows that M. Jules Ferry, author of the *ordre du jour* of the 20th January and President of the Commission on the Customs Tariff, had been designated for the portfolio of Agriculture and Commerce. But M. Jules Ferry is a Protectionist, so England imposed her veto, and this combination was abandoned."

Possibly these two considerations have had nothing to do with the appointments, but the impression produced by the rumor of foreign interference in home matters is painful, and I think that I do not exaggerate in remarking that the auspices under which M. Grévy's first Cabinet presents itself to the Assembly are anything but brilliant. Still, I repeat that whether it goes out now or tarries in office yet a little longer, is of no more moment than would be the exchange of Mr. Gladstone for Lord Beaconsfield in England. It will not "shake the columns of the social edifice," and must be regarded as merely a symptom, from which to make a general diagnosis of the political situation, as yet extremely indefinite. It is, then, not within the limits of France that we must look, just now, for elements of sensation, although there may be a little of that thing found here later, when the "almost breathless," for whom relief 1,000,000 francs is to be raised by a vote or by private subscription, come home and begin to assert their rights. Perhaps they have become wiser by their long and unpleasant experience; perhaps, like the Bourbons, they have learned nothing and have forgotten nothing, in which case as soon as the Assembly returns to the capital—by the way, the City Fathers positively refuse to give up the Luxembourg to the Senate—there will be some exciting street manifestations, but these will not be for a month or two, as the journey from Nouméa is long, and in the meanwhile the Communes may have cooled and eaten a few onions, although no fine, these gentle savages have opened them on a rule, preferring live specimens to full-birds. In Spain, however, and still more in Italy, there are indications of troublous times ahead. Don Alfonso is threatened, and the restored Monarchy does not seem destined to a long existence of peace and quiet. Revolutionary agitation is latent, but not the less dangerous, because it works underground like a mole, and if we cannot predict the form of the explosion, its imminence is scarcely more than a question of weeks, for any one who studies attentively the progress of events in the Iberian peninsula. In Italy, on the other hand, the situation is much more clearly defined, and her best friends are forced to admit that serious apprehensions for the future are justifiable. Petruccelli della Gattina's attack upon the Depretis Ministry, although the act of an isolated individual, shows a disposition to push the Cabinet to the wall by using the Government's foreign policy as a pretext, and marks at the same time a breaking up of parties into fractions and fractions of fractions, which the *Pungolo* Deputy, Comin's, organ, says "is a state of confusion as profound as it is humiliating." No remedy is left but to dissolve the Parliament and go to the people for another general election; yet, with the Electoral law as it now exists, it is more than doubtful whether the results of the ballot-box will be satisfactory. Besides this disorganization of the Parliamentary forces there is another peril in store, as the *Italia Irredenta* association, while strictly observing the orders to abstain from all public manifestations, continues to work steadily in the style of that secret propagandism of which Italy has always been the classic land. Nothing that is legal ever satisfies an Italian, and all the southern provinces, Naples, Sicily, and a part of the Romagna are as it were gnawed by the canker of conspiracy. Against whom, for what purpose, few know or care. All that is necessary is to conspire against the existing order of things, and the great majority of the adepts have no more positive feelings in the matter than a vague sort of detestation of what is, simply because it is. Composed originally of 13 Directors, the Committee of *L'Italia Irredenta*, now numbers 20 members, 5 of whom form the Committee of Publicity, under the guidance of a distinguished jurist, a Professor at the Naples University. The other inspirers and administrators of the society's newspaper, *L'Italia dagl'Italiani*, are the Secretary Imbriani, two young lawyers of the Faculty, and the editors, Aurelio Saffi and Campanella. The expenses are covered by voluntary subscriptions, as the organ is distributed gratuitously and clandestinely twice a month in the Italian-speaking provinces of Austria by sub-committees who are in correspondence with Senators and Deputies affiliated with the association, through whom orders and instructions are transmitted from the chief, whoever he may be. Like the Carbonari and a multitude of other "sects," these people have not been until lately very troublesome to the home Government, as their principle was the avoidance of every question from which might result conflicts of opinion between the men of different parties, of whom it is composed. This prudent attitude of the society and its organ seems to have suddenly changed, in consequence of the numerous defections which, within the last few months, have left a large majority of strongly-advanced Radicals, or rather, Socialists. The consequence is an outcry against the so-called autocratic and illiberal tendencies which the leaders of the association affect to ascribe to the immediate surroundings of the King, and is inspired, they say, by the necessity of self-defense. Thus it is that a report has been spread of the formation of "a Queen's Party," whose programme embraces the restriction of liberty of the press and of association, and the extension of the royal authority, which proposed to attempt a *coup d'état*, with the assistance of the Army. It is only a groundless rumor, of course, but these skillful plotters know how to make use of rumor, and the starving, wretched populations are only too ready to accept anything which may seem to justify the enterprises of the society. Even in the matter of Passanante's arraignment, there is a difference of opinion, as the medical experts cannot, or rather will not, say whether the would-be regicide is a monomaniac or is amenable to the law. The prisoner himself is indignant at the delay, and considers it a piece of gross injustice to question his sanity, but the odds are that the trial will be postponed as long as possible; the doctors and the magistrates are either afraid of, or else are affiliated with, the club of which the assassin was certainly the agent, and as there can be no question of the result of the trial, the enemies of royalty wish to avoid, if they can, any opportunity for the exercise of royal clemency, hoping, meanwhile, that something may turn up which will restore this blood-thirsty cook to liberty, as it did the ruffian Megy, whose murder of a policeman was condoned as being a political offence, because the *sergent de ville* was killed while attempting to arrest the rioter.

A vast sigh of satisfaction was heaved yesterday when the telegraph announced that Prince Lobanoff and Caratheodori Pasha had finally signed the Turco-Russian treaty, whose definite conclusion has been announced and contradicted in the same newspaper every day for the last three months. It is to be ratified within a fortnight, and the evacuation of the territory by the enemy's forces should be completed within five weeks, so that we are invited to believe the Oriental question definitely settled. I confess to skepticism in this matter. While admitting that the main points are satisfactorily arranged, some experience in Eastern affairs leads me to think that as Russia has only gained a kind of negative advantage as a return for her vast sacrifices of men and money, she is again only biding her time for a more favorable moment, when either a change of Cabinet in England, or Western complications will allow the resumption of her "mission" in aid of suffering Christianity, without the danger of foreign interference. She has her foothold on the southern side of the Danube, and with Varna on the Black Sea, and the Balkan passes in the hands of her serfs, the Bulgarians, half of her work is already done, should she desire at any future time to carry out the dream of the great Catherine. She knows, too, that there are several vexatious questions to be arranged before the pacification of the East is completed. The delimitation of the Greek frontiers is in anything but an advanced state, and even should Janina be ceded, under pressure, to the Hellenes, the animosity of race between these and the Slavs is sure, sooner or later, to give a pretext for interference in the cause of order, particularly since the little arrangement abrogating that article of the treaty of Prague which treated of Schleswig and Denmark, in favor of Prussia, shows that Austria and Germany have inaugurated the system of compensations. The Hapsburgs seem to have broken entirely with the Russians, and, although they will be forced to pay the bill for German condescension, an extension of territory eastward will be more than an equivalent for Austria's cession of her German provinces. She is pushing on now toward the Ægean, an outlet for her commerce of vital importance to her Transleithan populations; and as Italy pretends that the possession of Salonica by any other power than herself will be a blow to Italian interests, this will, I think, be the question on which there is the greatest future danger of a collision, for, except as a cause of continual agitation, it is impossible to attach much weight to the aspirations of the champions of *L'Italia Irredenta*.

THE MUTUAL LIFE.

The annual financial statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New-York, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1878, shows that death and endowment claims were paid during the year amounting to $6,603,712 22; dividends absorbed $2,555,462; surrendered policies and additions, $4,214,159 94; commissions, $532,496 63; the premiums received were $12,092,719 83, and interest and rents, $4,752,407 74; the balance in favor of the revenue account at the close of the year was $94,174,076 42; the policies in force on Jan. 1, 1879, were 91,828, insuring $290,774,315; the assets were $87,187,614 52, of which $67,968,931 09 is secured by mortgages on real estate; $17,825,566 25 in United States and other stocks; $6,319,061 78, value of real estate, and $3,100,516 10 cash in banks and trust companies.

THE REFUNDING OPERATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Secretary of the Treasury has this afternoon issued the ninetieth call for the redemption of 5-20 bonds of 1865—consols of 1867—as follows, principal and interest to be paid at the Treasury on and after the 24th day of May next, and the interest to cease on that day:

Coupon Bonds, Dated July 1, 1867—$50, No. 90,001 to No. 100,000, both inclusive; $100, No. 160,001 to No. 180,000, both inclusive; $500, No. 92,001 to No. 100,000, both inclusive; $1,000, No. 158,001 to No. 176,000, both inclusive; total coupons, $13,000,000.

Registered Bonds, Redeemable at the Pleasure of the United States after the 1st day of July, 1872—$50, No. 2,221 to No. 2,240, both inclusive; $100, No. 23,501 to No. 23,620, both inclusive; $500, No. 11,451 to No. 11,520, both inclusive; $1,000, No. 44,201 to No. 44,400, both inclusive; $5,000, No. 14,001 to No. 14,250, both inclusive; $10,000, No. 25,201 to No. 26,950, both inclusive; total registered, $7,000,000; whole number, $20,000,000.

The subscriptions to the 4 per cent. loan since Friday's report have amounted to $4,716,550.

TWO CHURCHES BLOWN DOWN.

ST. JOHN, New-Brunswick, Feb. 24.—During a terrific storm yesterday on Prince Edward Island a Catholic church at Cardigan Road, a Presbyterian church at Souris, and a railway coal-shed at Summerside, were blown down. Other casualties are reported. The snow in the railway cuttings is from 18 to 30 feet deep.

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

M. FRANK PAIGE'S FAILURE.

THE BANKRUPT'S TRIAL FOR CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD HIS CREDITORS—TESTIMONY OF HIS CONFIDENTIAL CLERK.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—The trial of M. Frank Paige, the young boot and shoe merchant, charged with conspiring to defraud his creditors of $100,000, began in the Superior Criminal Court to-day. The case has excited much interest from its novelty, the prominence of the prisoner among the younger business men of the city, and the extraordinary efforts to secure his release on bail in the large amount of $70,000. There are three indictments against Paige. The first charges him with having obtained goods without intending to pay for them; the second with entering into a conspiracy with Stetson, his clerk, to defraud his creditors, under the Bankrupt act, by concealing the proceeds obtained by the sale of his goods, and the third with the consummation of the conspiracy. The District Attorney decided to try Paige on the second indictment, to which he had already pleaded not guilty. Counsel for the prisoner were S. P. Ives, Jr., of Salem, one of the leading members of the Essex Bar, and Hon. Edward Avery, so long prominent in politics here as Chairman of the Old Line Democratic State Committee. The first effort on their part was on a motion that the indictment be quashed, on the ground that it was not specific and sufficiently complete. An extended argument was heard and the court reserved its decision, though requiring, meanwhile, that the trial should proceed, allowing the motion pending to stand. After the jury had been drawn, District Attorney Oliver Stevens opened for the Government, presenting briefly the facts in the case. The examination of witnesses then began. Several jobbers, who sold Paige goods, gave their testimony, and then Henry Clark, the clerk, was called to the stand, and made to tell his story. Paige's counsel first endeavoring, unsuccessfully, to prevent Stetson's testifying on the ground that he was a party to the records, under which the indictment was made.

Stetson's story, or the portion told to-day, which was repeatedly interrupted by suggestions of counsel on points appearing, was, in substance, as follows: He was confidential clerk for Paige, but never partner. Paige told him, early in last July, that he was losing money, and must fail, unless some other way was found out of the trouble, and that all the capital, $50,000, of Mrs. Whitcher, the special partner, would be wiped out. Sundry other conversations were had, and the plans were arranged for the failure in September, Stetson agreeing to help Paige all he could. Paige obtained goods of Houghton, Cooledge & Co., F. L. Wheeler, Pierce & Bond, W. H. Hart, T. P. Ordway, Merrill, Page & Hitchins, W. H. Hall, F. & N. Copeland, J. B. Smith, John Kelley, E. A. Smith, and many others. These goods were then sent away, the invoices and bills of lading being made in his (Stetson's) name, and the remittances were to be made to him. Shipments were made up to Nov. 1, in all about one dozen shipments. The various original invoices were shown to the witness, one by one, which he stated chiefly to be in his own handwriting, and on each one he identified goods as having been bought of the various persons above named, which were especially noticed by the information that the shipment on the last day of October of goods made by E. Mann and E. H. Holt, Jr., were bought by Paige in October. On an invoice dated Oct. 22 six cases from Pierce & Co. had been in store a day or two. The cases from J. P. Thibeault, Paige told the witness, he had given an order for in September. At this point it was testified that Paige came to the witness and told him that there was a rumor about that he had failed, and that they must not send any more goods on bills of lading in the witness's name, but that the goods must be made out the same as previously. Stetson was on the stand when the court adjourned, and the most important portion of his story is yet to be told.

KEEPING OUT THE CHINESE.

JOY IN SAN FRANCISCO—A PROTEST DEFEATED IN THE NEW-JERSEY ASSEMBLY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The Metropolitan Baptist Church was densely crowded last night, and the following was adopted by a unanimous rising vote, and was telegraphed to the President to-day:

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 24.

To R. B. Hayes, President of the United States:

Two thousand Christian citizens, assembled for their ordinary service in Metropolitan Temple last evening, by a rising vote, petition you to sign the bill restricting Chinese immigration, as a measure vital to our civil peace, our business prosperity, and our Christian civilization.

The delegates to the Pacific Turnbezirk of the North American Turners' Union, in convention to-day, passed unanimously the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due to those Representatives and Senators who so nobly stood up and voted for the Anti-Chinese bill.

The Constitutional Convention to-day adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are hereby tendered to the Congress of the United States for the triumphant passage of the bill restricting the immigration of Chinese to this country, and that the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who supported that vital measure merit and will receive the lasting gratitude of the people of California.

At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon the following resolutions were adopted, and ordered to be telegraphed to President Hayes:

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the City of San Francisco, as a commercial body, and understanding as we do necessarily do the scope, object, and intent of the bill which has just passed Congress known as the bill to restrict Chinese immigration, and which bill is to be, or has been, presented to the President for signature, earnestly, dispassionately, and deliberately recommend his approval of the bill in the interests of American territory, American labor, American peace, American commerce, American home philanthropy, American protection to the most valued social interests of the Pacific coast, and on the broad ground of wise and timely guarding of modern civilization and Christianity against social contact with overwhelming numbers of ancient and incorrigible social barbarisms upon American soil. Our language is sound 0. We mean it to be comprehensive to the last degree, and when we recommend approval of the bill in the interest of American labor, we mean protection from the descending grade toward squalor and want, and when we refer to American peace we mean protection from a war of races and the calamities that follow in the train of race prejudices where no assimilation is possible, and no social sympathies exist in common. The judgment of the West on this subject, which is overwhelming, should be regarded by the East as conclusive. We are on the ground, and know whereof we speak.

GEORGE C. PERKINS, President.
MORRIS MARCUS, Secretary.

TRENTON, Feb. 24.—In the House this evening Mr. Vernon, of Union, offered a resolution declaring that the provisions of the bill restricting Chinese immigration which has passed both houses of Congress are at variance not only with the terms and spirit of our treaty obligations, but with the principles of liberty, justice, and humanity on which our republican institutions rest, and that, if the bill becomes a law, our commercial relations with China will be threatened, retaliation invited, and the wise and Christian policy which has uniformly characterized our Government in its dealings with foreign nations will be violated. The resolution was adopted by Messrs. Vernon and Robinson, and opposed by Messrs. Deacon and Dewitt. It was defeated by a vote of 24 to 28. Eight Republicans voted against it—Deacon, Ewing, Garwood, Jackson, Schellinger, Stilsing, Tanneman, and Voorhies. The Democrats who voted for it were Sykes and Gray. Messrs. Gill, Loche, Lippincott, Parramore, Barber, Burroughes, Fiedler, and Moore did not vote.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—At a meeting of the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church to-day, an appeal to the President of the United States was adopted requesting him to veto the Chinese Immigration bill recently passed by Congress. Similar resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Baptist clergymen of this city this morning.

THROWN DOWN AN EMBANKMENT.

ACCIDENT TO A RAILROAD TRAIN—SEVERAL PERSONS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

CHAMBERSBURG, Penn., Feb. 24.—While shifting the mail train south at this station this afternoon, one car, containing about 25 passengers, left the track from some unknown cause, and fell over an embankment about six feet high, turning over on its side. Several persons were injured, among whom were Hiram Bixler, of Fayetteville, leg broken; Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Newburg, N. Y., arm broken; Frank Scheible, wife, and son, of Scotland, Franklin County, Penn., seriously injured; Miss Miller, Greencastle, Penn., shoulder bruised; Samuel Pratter, Greencastle County, Penn., injured about the head, not seriously; two children of Col. Joseph Davison, of Greencastle, Penn., slightly injured; Bishop Glassbrenner and Rev. Mr. Bulger, of United Brethren Church, bruised, but not seriously. Several other persons received cuts and bruises, but were able to proceed to their destinations. The officers of the company and the citizens have given every attention to the wounded, and all are well cared for.

THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL DISCUSSION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The following letter explains itself:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24, 1879.

Thomas M. Nickels, Esq., Secretary of the Honest-Money League of the United States:

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 21st inst. was handed me on Saturday, the 22d; contents noted. I recognize the fact that the so-called Honest-Money League is the representative and exponent of both the Democratic and Republican Parties, dictating their platforms, directing and controlling their councils. I believe that the principles you advocate and the policy you indorse are fraught with disaster and ruin to the American people, and that a full and candid discussion of such principles and policy would tend to their unconvincing and determination. But, to effect the purpose proposed, the debate should be extended into every State and Congressional district throughout the Union. To arrange for a joint discussion such as I have suggested, I will appoint a committee consisting of four gentlemen, to meet a committee to be appointed by you, two of such committees to be representative men of the Republican Party and two to be representative men of the Democratic Party, to arrange points for discussion and times and terms of debate. This will be handed you by Hon. E. M. Boynton, of Massachusetts, and Hon. J. B. Weaver, of Iowa. I have the honor to remain your obedient servant, E. F. DEWEES,
Chairman National Committee.

THE RECORD OF ACCIDENTS.

TWO MEN KILLED BY A BOILER EXPLOSION—FALLING FROM A RAILROAD TRAIN—FATAL LAMP EXPLOSION.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—The boiler at the Applegate Coal Mines, at Hubbard, Ohio, exploded on Saturday, killing John Beatty, engineer, and wounding Daniel Ferry, boiler repairer. The boiler-house was blown to pieces.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Feb. 24.—John Lego, an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad, fell from a freight train on to the track yesterday and was killed.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Feb. 24.—At Sugar Notch, last night, a lamp exploded in Thomas Frick's residence during the absence of the family, who were at church. Mrs. Hart, a neighbor, forced the door, and while endeavoring to extinguish the flames her clothing took fire, burning her so badly that she died this morning.

AMUSEMENTS.

"LUCIA" AT THE ACADEMY.

The opening performance of Mr. Mapleson's season last night was a highly successful and enjoyable occasion. The house was completely filled, though the audience were for the most part in a cold and unsympathetic mood, and allowed much excellent work by the artists to pass with but faint recognition of its merit. Mme. Gerster received enthusiastic applause in the mad scene, her wonderful vocalization being something which no person in the audience could fail to recognize as one of the greatest triumphs of the singer's art, and the finale of the second act likewise was heartily applauded. Nevertheless, it must be recorded that the opera, on the whole, was not received with the enthusiasm which the perfection of its performance demanded. The first act was marred by the tardy arrival of a large portion of the audience, who not only missed the enjoyment of it, but prevented those who were in their seats from listening to it in comfort. If the admirable rule of the Philharmonic Society were rigidly applied for a few nights at the opera, and those who do not care to take the trouble to come in season were compelled to wait in the lobbies till the conclusion of the first act, the result would be beneficial. The second and third acts were given with perfect finish. Signor Galassi, whose voice has not suffered from his late exertions in the provinces, sang the music of *Ashton* with a noble grace and dignity that has no equal on the operatic stage in this role. The *Edgardo* of Signor Campanini was in the great artist's best method. His singing was tender and full of manly sentiment without any sentimentality, and his acting powerful and always in good taste. It was, indeed, remarkable that the audience should have been so insensible to the merits of his work in the finale of the third act. The fact is that "Lucia" possesses none of the attractions of novelty, and the interest in the labors of the artists is purely personal. Opera-goers only listen in a somewhat languid way to the familiar arias, and attend merely to hear the principal artists sing, without reference to the opera itself. The orchestra and chorus and the minor parts were all faithfully attended to, and the entire performance was smoothly given under Signor Arditi's skillful direction.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

It was a German critic, if we are not mistaken, who first rebelled against the use of the word "romantic" as applied to certain degraded forms of theatrical representation. The same authority, had he witnessed Mr. Boucicault's play, "Spell-bound," last evening, would certainly have taken this versatile Irish playwright to task for the same reason. Mr. Boucicault has, if we may believe him, written a romantic drama, in defiance, however, of the laws laid down in the preface to "Cromwell," and in defiance, also, we may add, of good taste and common sense. "Spell-bound" was in truth a success—with the gallery. But every person in the audience who could recall the bright days of Wallack's Theatre, and who remembered, with pardonable pride, the delightful traditions of this house, must have turned away from its doors last night with feelings of mingled wonder and disgust. It may be that people expect too much of Mr. Wallack, when we have set up in a measure as a guide-post to our own crude instincts; whose fine intelligence and keen discrimination are supposed to make up the essence of a lofty managerial policy. Can it be that Mr. Wallack is but a deception and a snare, and that the much-lauded institution which he governs is not altogether worthy of the respect so often demanded in its name. If such be the case, then may we truly mourn in spirit and echo a regretful lament. The present season at Wallack's has been, for the most part, a record of weakness and retrogression. "Spell-bound" is but another volume in the library of its failures, and one which cannot even be accounted honorable. Yet we find less fault with Mr. Boucicault for evolving such a play out of his inner consciousness, not to speak of more obvious sources, than with the able manager and actor who evidently judges that it is suited to the intellectual status of his patrons. Notwithstanding this too plain fact, we are still inclined to think that these patrons expect something better than melodramas filled with dismal horrors, sanguinary murders, and situations of the most sensational character. Mr. Boucicault's "romantic" production is a work in which thunder and lightning form a back ground to the machinations of an impossible fiend; in which dungeons, robbers, and mysteries of a kind which, it was confidently hoped, had been forever swept away with the transparent illusions of a by-gone age, mingle in dark perplexity; in which villainy and destiny balance each other in the playwright's scale; in which, finally, all that is not absurd is abominable, and all that is not abominable is absurd. While stating these disagreeable facts thus concisely, it is not our intention to overlook whatever merits are to be discovered in "Spell-bound," although these merits are decidedly of a low order. The final duel scene is managed with perfect skill, and is intensely theatrical; the interest in the first scene of the second act, furthermore, is carefully varied and modulated; the rest of this act is awkwardly managed, and its climax is brutal. In general the play makes an appeal so no standard of taste whatever. As might have been expected the actors who took part in this representation were ill at ease, and, therefore, unsatisfactory. It may be that Mr. Wallack has some admirers in the part of *Raoul de Beaupré*, although we found him merely stilted, affected, and theatrical. There was nothing very horrible in his fatuitousness, and, though he made intelligent efforts to harmonize the asperities of this ridiculous and almost hideous character, the result was neither impressive nor sincere. The entire performance reflected great discredit upon the theatre.

GENERAL MENTION.

Mme. Evelina Harris appeared last night at a concert in Chickering Hall, with the aid of a number of artists. The performance was, in general, of no musical merit, the only exception being the violin playing of Mr. Richard Arnold, which was the principal feature of the evening.

The Apollo Club, of Brooklyn, gave a successful concert at the Academy of Music last evening, to a crowded house. Mme. Rice was the solo performer of the evening, and sang an aria from Marchetti's "Romeo and Juliet" and Arditi's valse "L'Estasi," in both of which she was encored.

REVOLUTION IN SOUTH AMERICA.

PANAMA, Feb. 15.—A dispatch from Buenaventura, of Feb. 6, states that a revolution has broken out in the State of Antioquia, in the interest of the Conservative Party. There has been one fight already near Maninales, at a place called Olivares, resulting in the killing of about 25 men. The revolutionary party is stated to have been beaten. The General Government is said to have decreed a levy of 3,000 men to march upon the State. The Government of the State of Cauca is getting 3,000 men ready to send to the frontier of the neighboring State, and the Battalions Fourth and Fifth from Cali, and Twenty-first from Palmira, have gone to the front. Later advices are to the effect that 6,000 men from Antioquia have invaded the Cauca. Apprehension is caused by the fact that no news has been received from or of Gen. Benjito and his Liberal Government in Antioquia. Rumor says an attempt will be made to take possession of the Equatorian frontier, and one Colombian battalion has already passed through Tonayan to that destination.

THE WORK OF CRIMINALS.

CRIMES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

ALLEGED TRAIN-WRECKERS ARRESTED—MURDERS AND ROBBERY IN THE SOUTH-WEST—DEATH OF A BIGAMIST—ROBBERY OF A PARSONAGE.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Solomon Cohen and John J. Conway, of Boston, were arrested on Saturday upon the train from Plymouth to Boston, and held in $5,000 each on the charge of conspiring to obstruct a railroad train. It is alleged that they recently plotted to wreck a train on the Boston and Providence Railroad, near Canton, Mass., and that if successful, a similar attempt would be made on the Fitchburg Railroad, near Leominster, Mass. Cohen and Conway acted as detectives in the trial of Joseph B. Buzzell, who was convicted of the murder of Susan A. Hanson, at Brookfield, N. H., Nov. 21, 1874, mainly on the testimony of Charles W. Cook, that he was instigated and compelled to do the murder by Buzzell. Conway has recently made affidavit that the statement of Cook was untrue, and that Cohen instructed Cook to give this testimony, promising him protection from prosecution for burning John Churchill's house a short time before the murder of Miss Hanson. Cohen and Conway will be arraigned in Boston to-day on the charge of conspiracy to wreck a train.

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the *News* from Santa Fé, New-Mexico, says that more trouble has occurred in Lincoln County, New-Mexico. H. J. Chapman, a lawyer, head of the McSween faction, was shot and instantly killed, in front of the Court-house at Lincoln, on Feb. 19.

A Fort Worth (Texas) dispatch to the *News* says that at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning the stage for Fort Yuma, Arizona, was halted inside the city limits at Fort Worth by three masked highwaymen, and the two passengers were compelled to give up their money. The mail-bags were robbed of 14 registered packages.

Joseph E. Douglas, of the firm of Douglas & Son, while standing in the Jacksonville Post Office talking with some acquaintances, was killed by E. H. Edmonson, who approached unobserved from the rear with a shot-gun, and fired an entire charge of buckshot into Douglas' head. No reason is known for the assassination.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 24.—James C. Slocum died in Williams County Jail (in Ohio) a few days ago, where he was confined for obtaining money by false representations. He was taken there from Hannibal, Mo., where he was under arrest for bigamy, having married a widow. He had a wife and three children living in this city, and they are here now. He married his wife in Middletown over 20 years ago, and the widow last June. Slocum was a large contractor. In 1865 he was Superintendent of the Western Division of the Erie Railroad. Before that time he was Divisional Superintendent of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Road. In 1869 he built a railroad in Michigan, Judge, now Senator, Christiancy, being his attorney, with whom also he engaged at the same time in oil speculations in Virginia. In 1872 he secured with others the contract for building the Rochester and State Line Railroad. That nearly ruined him. He then began speculating in Wall street, where he became a bear. He then came again to this region, saw his family, and went West, with the result as above. Mrs. Slocum has been supporting herself and children for two or three years.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Feb. 24.—While Rev. F. Hamlin, Pastor of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, was holding a prayer-meeting, and the other members of his family were at church, burglars entered the parsonage adjoining and carried off pocket-books containing $100, and a gold watch, jewelry, a revolver, and other articles. There is no clue to the robbers.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 24.—In the United States Circuit Court this morning, Martin Burns, a judge of Election in the Seventeenth Ward, pleaded guilty to having hindered a United States Supervisor at the late Congressional election. Judge Bond fined him $5 and costs, with imprisonment for twelve months.

The trial of James Busey, W. R. Willing, James Hagan, Patrick Clarke, and Charles M. Hope, for assaulting with intent to kill C. Irving Ditty, began to-day in the Criminal Court. The accused men are well-known Democrats in the Seventeenth Ward, and some of them have already appeared in election assault cases. The difficulty out of which the trial sprung occurred on Sept. 8, 1876, during the Presidential campaign, at a Republican meeting in Cross-Street Hall, which was broken up by pistol-shots and other Democratic methods of intimidation. Since then the case has gone through various phases. The jury impaneled to try it on Oct. 30, 1877, failed to agree, and, although several attempts were made to reopen it, they have uniformly failed until this morning, and it is even doubtful now if a conviction can be obtained.

MONCTON, New-Brunswick, Feb. 24.—In the Annie Parker perjury case to-day, the Judge said that the evidence was sufficient to commit the prisoner for trial. The prisoner said she did not wish to be bailed, preferring to go to jail.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—C. R. Murray, Cashier of the Exchange Bank, who has fled, is a defaulter to the amount of $20,000. The bank holds a guarantee bond of an insurance company for $10,000. Speculation in stocks by members of late have depreciated considerably in the cause.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—P. R. Ferguson, who held the position of Chief Local Agent of the Post Office, in West Philadelphia, and who was arrested for stealing letters in December last, poisoned himself in his cell this morning by taking prussic acid, and died a few minutes afterwards.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 24.—About two weeks ago traces of a desperate struggle were found one mile from here, on the north side of the river, indicating that a murder had been committed and the body of the victim dragged from the Memphis Railroad track to the river. All efforts to discover the body of the murdered man or murderers failed until yesterday, when the falling of the water in the river disclosed the body of B. F. Thompson, of Coldwater, Miss., with the throat cut and having numerous stabs. A Coroner's inquest developed the fact that Thompson was a stranger, who had come here to seek business, exhibiting his money carelessly. It is supposed he was murdered for it. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The trial of John H. Snow, formerly first officer of the American bark C. O. Whitmore, for the murder of James R. Ellwood, a seaman on board that vessel, was commenced this morning in the United States Circuit Court. Thomas Peabody, master of the Whitmore at the time of the death of Ellwood, and who is under indictment in Boston for the same offense, is present.

OBITUARY.

HON. ABRAHAM BRUYN HASBROUCK.

Hon. Abraham Bruyn Hasbrouck, one of the oldest members of the Republican Party in this State, died at his home in Kingston, late on Sunday evening, from pneumonia, which he contracted a week before. Mr. Hasbrouck was 88 years of age, having been born in Kingston on Nov. 29, 1791. His first experience of school life was had at the academy in his native town, then a widely-known institution. After graduating from the Academy in 1806, he entered Yale College, graduating from the latter with high honors in the Class of 1810. Mr. Hasbrouck then took up the study of law in the office of Judge Reeves, at Lichfield, Conn., where he remained for a short time, and then removed to Hudson, in this State. In the latter city he completed his studies in the office of Elisha Williams, Esq. Four years after leaving college Mr. Hasbrouck began the practice of his profession in Kingston, and, in 1817, he formed a partnership with Charles H. Ruggles, who was, in 1831, appointed a Circuit Judge. Mr. Hasbrouck first appeared prominently in political life in 1825, when he was sent to Congress by the Whigs of his district, then composed of the Counties of Ulster and Sullivan. In 1833 the Congressman entered into a law partnership with Hon. Marius Schoonmaker, who had been a student in his office. Mr. Hasbrouck was elected President of Rutgers College in 1840, succeeding Dr. Milledoller, and holding the position for 10 years, during which time his able lectures on constitutional law, his genial manner, and his generous hospitality contributed largely to the success of the institution. He was succeeded in the Presidency of Rutgers College by Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, and then removed to this City with his family in 1850. He lived a quiet life here for a few years, after which he returned to his native place, retiring from active life to enjoy the wealth which he had accumulated. While the old Whig

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—FEB. 24.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 A.M.

U. S. 6s C. '81.	U. S. 5s '81, R.	U. S. 4s C., '91.
$10,000.....106¾	10,000.....104¾	$24,000.....104¾
2,500.....106¾		

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

Alabama, class 5.	Ohio & Miss. 2d.	Ill. & Pac. Tun.
$15,000.....57	7,000.....28	100.....b.c. 97½
N. Y. C. & H. R.	1,000.....28½	200.....b.c. 97½
1,000.....118	C. P. Ler. C. & D.	Erie Railway.
L. I. ss. con.	4,000.....28½	300.....b.c. 27
10,000.....b.c. 63½	Un. Pac. 1st.	100.....b.c. 27½
Tennessee 6s, old.	14,000.....106¾	1,000.....b.c. 26¾
7,000.....b.c. 37½	Ga. Pac. s. f.	M. K. & T.
C. & O. 1st, ext. b.	9,000.....29 114¾	500.....b.c. 70½
4,000.....39	Cen. Pac. gold.	500.....70½
La. Pur. No. 1 ct.	10,000.....b.c. 76½	500.....70½
1,000.....104	St. L. & I. M. 1st.	500.....70½
L. & C. R. R. ins.	2,000.....111	Union Pacific.
500.....ss. 62	K. P. 2d, J. & D. 2s,	200.....b.c. 77½
4,000.....105½	with coup. on.	100.....77½
N. J. C. ins scrip.	Ga. Pac. s. f.	100.....77½
10,000.....b.c. 56½	8,000.....b.c. 113¾	100.....77½
1,000.....56½	C. C. & I. C. 1st.	100.....77½
N. J. C. conv. ss.	10,000.....65½	100.....b.c. 77½
2,000.....b.c. 56½	5,000.....65½	100.....b.c. 77½
M. & St. P. 1st, L. C.	5,000.....65½	100.....b.c. 77½
2,000.....118½	C. C. & I. C. 6s.	C. & N. W.
M. & St. P. L. & L.	1,000.....24	100.....b.c. 69½
5,000.....105½	Scioto Val. 7s.	Ill. & Peoria.
M. & St. P. con. ss.	10,000.....123½	25.....b.c. 42½
2,000.....103½	C. & S. 1st g'd 7s.	Del., L. & West.
L. & W. R. con. ss.	C. C. C. & I.	100.....b.c. 83½
2,000.....61	3,000.....91½	Wabash.
M. W. C. R. R. G.	T. P. & W. 1st, R. D.	100.....b.c. 32½
2,000.....107½	1,000.....b.c. 70	Chi. & N. W.
D. L. & W. 7s, 1907.	P. C. &	100.....b.c. 58½
3,000.....109½	2,000.....100¾	100.....b.c. 58½
D. & R. G. 1st.	Min. & St. L.	100.....b.c. 58½
24,000.....60½	1st, G. Inc.	100.....b.c. 58½
4,000.....60½	4,500.....51	200.....b.c. 58½
4,000.....60½	D. & R. G. 7s.	200.....b.c. 58½
5,000.....61	3,000.....100	100.....b.c. 58½
H. & S. Jo. 6s, con.	Cen. Amer. Bank.	200.....b.c. 57¾
4,000.....110	100.....b.c. 78	300.....58
Cin. So. 1st g'd.	American Express	Chi. & N. W. pf.
11,000.....50	100.....b.c. 50	100.....b.c. 89½
9,000.....50½	U. S. Express.	100.....b.c. 89½
St. L. & T. ss.	10.....48½	200.....b.c. 89½
5,000.....56½	Ontario Silver.	100.....b.c. 89½
10,000.....56½	50.....40	200.....b.c. 89½
20,000.....56½	Western Union.	200.....b.c. 89½
20,000.....b.c. 101	200.....b.c. 101	Del. & Hud. Canal.
P. & Ft. W. 2d.	200.....b.c. 101	100.....b.c. 32½
8,000.....19½	200.....b.c. 101	Morris & Essex.
5,000.....19½	300.....101	100.....b.c. 85½
15,000.....b.c. 19½	100.....101	Mich. Central.
R. & A. R. 1st.	300.....101	100.....b.c. 88
11,000.....99	100.....b.c. 101	Illinois Central.
N. Y. Riv. 1st.	K. & T.	100.....b.c. 89½
5,000.....105½	100.....b.c. 8½	Wabash.
Mich. Central 1st.	Mad. & St. Jo.	100.....b.c. 32½
1,000.....116	500.....b.c. 15½	Chicago & Alton.
C. P. Ext. & J. Bs.	Han. & St. Jo. pf.	100.....b.c. 74½
5,000.....101	100.....44	

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—1:30 P.M.

U. S. 6s R. '81.	U. S. 4s R., 1907.	U. S. 4s C., 1907.
$16,000.....106¾	10,000.....104¾	15,000.....104¾
U. S. 5-20 R. '67.	U. S. 5s C.	
10,000.....102½	3,800.....b.c. 104¾	

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

Tenn. 6s, new ss.	Can. So. 1st g'd.	Chi. & R. I.
$1,000.....24	26,000.....80½	100.....b.c. 132½
D. of C. 3-65s C.	N. Y. Lin. 1st.	Wabash.
5,000.....95½	2,000.....105¾	100.....b.c. 32½
R. G. H. & H. 1st.	Western Pacific.	St. Pa. W. & C. g'd.
1,000.....73½	5,000.....106½	10.....b.c. 107
C. & O. 1st, ass. b.	Un. Pac. 1st.	St. L. K. C. & N. pf.
5,000.....38	10,000.....109½	100.....b.c. 36½
5,000.....37½	15,000.....109½	Chi. & N. W.
5,500.....b.c. 38	K. P. 1st, 7s, D. D.	300.....b.c. 58½
Chi. & Alton.	West Nor.	1100.....58½
4,000.....103¾	1,000.....94½	100.....b.c. 58½
K. & D. M. 1st.	St. L. K. C. & N. R. R.	1000.....58½
10,000.....90	7s '93.	1300.....58
N. J. C. 1st con. ss.	3,000.....103½	500.....57¾
10,000.....86½	T. & W. 1st, S. L. D.	200.....57½
N. J. C. 2d con.	7 ex mark on.	300.....57½
19,000.....b.c. 90	1,000.....90½	200.....57½
M. & St. P. s. s. f.	Can. Pac. gold.	300.....57½
2,000.....103½	1,000.....109¾	C. M. & St. P.
M. & St. P. L. & L.	Ohio & Miss. 2d.	100.....b.c. 39½
2,000.....105½	5,000.....93	100.....39½
M. & St. P. 1st.	C. & S. 1st, g'd 7s	100.....39½
5,000.....128	Lake Shore.	600.....39½
D. L. & W. 7s, 1907.	4,000.....98½	100.....b.c. 39½
1,000.....109½	Pacific Mail.	C. M. & St. P. pf.
D. & R. G. 1st.	10.....b.c. 14½	200.....b.c. 83½
5,000.....90½	L. G. Inc.	100.....83½
10,000.....90½	4,500.....51	200.....b.c. 83½
L. & W. R. con. ss.	Pacific Railway.	100.....83½
3,000.....b.c. 61½	2390.b.b.30.....27	M. K. & T.
C. P. & A. old.	2100.....ss. 26½	200.....b.c. 8½
4,000.....110	1800.....26½	100.....8½
H. & St. Jo. 6s, con.	Erie Railway.	100.....b.c. 8½
4,000.....110	200.....b.c. 27½	600.....8½
N. K. & T. 2d.	L. S. & M. S.	Chicago & Alton.
2,000.....90½	100.....b.c. 70½	100.....b.c. 81½
Mich. Cen. 1st g'd.	100.....70½	D. L. & W.
7,000.....113½	300.....70	100.....4
Met. El. 1st.	Union Pacific.	B. C. R. & N.
1,000.....97½	500.....b.c. 78	200.....b.c. 31
1,000.....b.c. 97½	100.....74½	100.....30½
Harlem 1st, 7s, C.	200.....74½	100.....30½
1,000.....128½	200.....74½	St. L. & K. P. pf.
D. & H. 1st, Pen.	Ohio & Miss.	50.....b.c. 5½
1,000, coupons.	500.....b.c. 2½	Ill. C. & L.
5,000.....103½	1000.....b.c. 2½	100.....b.c. 44½

SALES FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

La. 7s con.	Union Pacific.	St. Paul pf.
$5,000.....51½	300.....74½	200.....82½
C. C. & I. C. 6s.	100.....b.5. 74½	100.....82½
2,000.....90	100.....74½	100.....82½
C. C. & I. C. 1st.	100.....74½	100.....82½
5,000.....65½	600.....74	500.....82½
C. C. C. & I. con.	100.....b.5. 73½	700.....b.5. 82½
5,000.....99½	100.....73½	Wabash.
L. & N. R. con. ss.	100.....73½	820.....22
2,000.....51½	800.....73½	325.....22½
M. K. & T., con. ss.	300.....73½	550.....22½
20,000.....b.c. 101	100.....b.c. 73½	Del., L. & West.
10,000.....ss. 58	100.....73½	100.....53½
Can. So. 1st g'd.	200.....73½	200.....53½
4,000.....80½	400.....73½	700.....53½
N. Y. Lin. 1st.	100.....73½	400.....53½
2,000.....105¾	C. C. C. & I.	200.....53½
1,000.....105½	100.....b.5. 43½	500.....53½
C. & O. 1st, ass. b.	100.....44½	600.....53
1,400.....38½	North-west.	Del., L. & W.
D. & R. G. 1st.	100.....57½	100.....b.c. 95
10,000.....50½	300.....57½	200.....95
Ohio & Miss. 2d.	100.....57½	St. L. & I. M.
1,000.....93	100.....57½	100.....b.c. 2½
People's Bank.	1000.....57½	200.....2½
40.....113	400.....57½	200.....b.b.30. 2½
Wells-Fargo Ex.	100.....b.c. 57½	200.....2½
30.....99½	200.....57½	200.....b.c. 2½
	50.....57½	200.....2½
Ontario Silver.	100.....57½	St. L. & K. P.
30.....40	300.....56½	100.....b.c. 5½
40.....40	100.....56½	100.....bl. 5½
Rensselaer & Sar.	100.....56½	St. L. & S. F. pf.
100.....28½	500.....56½	100.....b.c. 5½
Saint Louis.	100.....56½	Kansas & Texas.
500.....b.c. 2½	500.....56½	500.....5½
Wells-Fargo Ex.	100.....56½	500.....5½
25.....98½	100.....56½	500.....5½
Adams Exp. Tel.	100.....56½	500.....5½
100.....37½	100.....56½	500.....5½
Western Union.	100.....56½	200.....5½
1200.....ss. 101½	300.....56½	500.....5½
100.....101½	500.....56½	800.....5½
1100.....101½	100.....57½	100.....bd. 5½
600.....101½	400.....57½	200.....5½
100.....101½	600.....57½	100.....5½
500.....101½	700.....57½	Kansas Pacific.
800.....101½	100.....57½	100.....19
850.....101½	300.....57½	100.....18½
800.....101½	100.....57½	100.....17
200.....101½	500.....57½	500.....16½
100.....101½	500.....57½	200.....16½
Pacific Mail.	700.....57½	200.....16½
100.....14½	300.....57½	L. & Nash.
100.....14½	200.....57½	100.....42
N. Y. C. & H.	100.....b.c. 57½	Mich. Cen. & S.
100.....117½	100.....ss. 88½	5.....120
Erie Railway.	100.....ss. 88½	New-Jersey So.
100.....26½	200.....ss. 88½	100.....2½
200.....26½	200.....88½	Canada Southern.
200.....26½	700.....88½	100.....56½
1150.....26½	1800.....88½	100.....56½
500.....26½	1000.....88½	200.....56½
2800.....27	300.....88½	A. & T. H.
Illinois Central.	400.....88	300.....4
80.....88½	600.....87½	A. & T. H. pf.
100.....88½	100.....87½	50.....b.c. 8
100.....88½	1100.....87	Bur., C. R. & N.
Michigan Central.	400.....88½	300.....30½
200.....ss. 87½	400.....88½	300.....31
100.....87½	300.....88½	Morris & Essex.
100.....87½	950.....88½	43.....88
100.....87½	200.....88½	Rock. & St. Jo.
100.....87½	400.....88½	300.....15½
Lake Shore.	1300.....88½	100.....15½
1800.....70	300.....88½	Han. & St. Jo. pf.
1200.....70½	Chicago & Alton.	100.....43½
1200.....70½	100.....b.c. 81	Ohio & Miss.
1200.....70½	100.....81	200.....11½
500.....70½	St. Paul.	2400.....ss. 11½
500.....70½	100.....82½	100.....11½
500.....70½	200.....82½	200.....11½
Central of N. J.	200.....b.c. 30	200.....11½
100.....43	100.....82½	200.....11½
100.....43	100.....82½	200.....11½
200.....43½	200.....82½	200.....11½
50.....43	600.....82½	C. C. & I. C.
1000.....43	600.....82½	250.....5½
Rock Island.	100.....82½	500.....5½
100.....132½	100.....82½	200.....5½
100.....132	100.....b.c. 82½	500.....5½
		50.....5½

THIRD CALL—2:30 P. M.

Erie.	Delaware.	Consol. Pacific.
500.....b.c. .13	500.....b.c. .17	100.b.c.s10. 2½
500.....b.c. .13	200.....b.c. .18	100.b.c.s10. 2½
500.....b.c. .13	500.b.c.b30. .18	Buckeye.
500.b.c.b30. .14	Mariposa.	100.....b.5. .02
500.b.c.b30. .14	100.....b.c. 4.30	Pacific.
100.....b.c. .15	100.b.c.b30.4.40	100.....2.20
200.....b.c. .15	100.....b.c.4.40	100.....2.25
200.....b.c. .15	200.ac.b60.4.50	Gold Placer.
100.b.c.b30. .14	200.....b.c.4.40	100.....b.c. .15
100.b.c.b30. .14	Lacrosse.	Tyler.
500.....ss. .15	500.....b.c. .37	100.....70
500.ab.b30. .14	Hill.	
500.ab.b30. .14	100.a.b.c.2.85	

MONDAY, Feb. 24—P. M.

The week opened on the Stock Exchange with a heavy and feverish market for the active speculative shares. The pressure to sell was at intervals very pronounced, and was accompanied by various rumors, doubtless originating with the bears, of a character to alarm holders of stocks, and induce them to part with their shares. Prominent among these was a story to the effect that dissensions had broken out among the members of the bull pool, and that they were charging each other with bad faith. It was said that two prominent operators had stolen a march on their associates, and unloaded their stock. Whatever may be the truth or falsity of these rehearsals, it seems certain that the weakness of the market was largely due to speculative manipulation, as there were hardly any developments in the way of actual news calculated to adversely affect the course of values. The decline in prices in the early dealings ranged from ¼@1¼ ⅌ cent., the latter Union Pacific. Toward noon there was some slight recovery, but under a renewed pressure to sell, which was chiefly directed against Northwest, the market again assumed a depressed tone, and a still further decline took place. In the final dealings a rather firmer feeling prevailed, and the closing quotations were at an improvement of ¼@1¼ ⅌ cent from the lowest point. Kansas Pacific was weak on the belief which obtains that the contemplated reorganization of the road is not likely, at least for some time to come, to inure to the benefit of the stockholders. Erie was steadily held, the efforts of the bears to depress the stock proving unavailing.

The transactions aggregated 248,277 shares, including 71,000 North-western, 42,700 Erie, 22,800 Lake Shore, 18,000 Western Union, 15,800 St. Paul, 14,900 Union Pacific, 11,800 Missouri, Kansas and Texas, 11,600 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 6,850 New-Jersey Central, 5,700 Ohio and Mississippi, 4,600 Wabash, 4,100 St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern, 1,700 Pacific Mail, 1,400 Hannibal and St. Joseph, 1,300 C., C. and I. C., 1,500 Kansas Pacific, and 1,400 San Francisco. North-west common declined from 60¼ to 56¼, and recovered to 57½, and the preferred from 90⅜ to 87¾, with closing sales at 88⅜. Erie sold up from 27 to 27¼, reacted to 26⅝, but recovered to 27. Lake Shore dropped from 71 to 70, advanced to 70⅝, again fell off to 70, and closed at 70½. Western Union declined from 102 to 100⅝, and recovered to 101¾. St. Paul common after advancing ½ ⅌ cent., to 40½, declined to 39, with final sales at a recovery of ¼ ⅌ cent. Union Pacific sold down from 79¼ to 73½, advanced to 75¼, fell off to 73, and recovered to 73½. Missouri, Kansas and Texas fluctuated between 9 and 8½, and closed at 8⅝. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western went off from 53¾ to 52½, and sold finally at 53. New-Jersey Central opened at 44½, declined to 42¾, and recovered to 43. Ohio and Mississippi fell from 12 to 11¼. Wabash opened and closed at 22½, with sales in the interim as low as 21⅞. Pacific Mail dropped from 14¾ to 14⅛, and Kansas Pacific from 20 to 16⅝, with a recovery of ¼ ⅌ cent. at the close.

Bank shares sold at 78 for German-American, and 113 for People's Bank.

The Money market was fairly active in the early dealings, and borrowers on call paid 3@4 ⅌ cent. for accommodation. Toward the close, however, there were abundant offerings of capital at 2 ⅌ cent.

The foreign advices reported a steady market at London for Consols, which closed at 96¼@96⅜ for both money and the account. United States bonds, with the exception of new 5s, were weak. Ten-forties declined to 104¼, 1867s to 103⅞, and new 4s to 107¾. New 5s, after declining to 106⅝, recovered to 106¾. American railway securities were somewhat irregular. Erie common advanced from 27¼ to 27⅜, the preferred declining ½ ⅌ cent. Illinois Central fell off ½, New-Jersey Central ¾, and Reading ¼ ⅌ cent. Erie consolidated Seconds sold at 89½, and do. Gold bonds, at 66⅞. The Bank of England lost £100,000 on balance to-day. At Paris, Rentes closed at 111f. 90c.

The Sterling Exchange market was dull, with no change from the nominal rates. The business was very light. The following were the rates for actual transactions: ⅌4 85@⅌4 85¼ for bankers' 60-day bills, ⅌4 88¼@⅌4 88½ for demand, ⅌4 88½@⅌4 89 for cables, and ⅌4 86¼@⅌4 84 for commercial bills.

Government bonds were generally steady on a moderate volume of business, but without any important change in prices. Railroad bonds were active but irregular. C., C. and I. C. Firsts advanced from 65½ to 68½; do. Seconds, from 23 to 25; New-Jersey convertible assented from 85½ to 86, Denver and Rio Grande Firsts from 90½ to 90⅞, North Missouri Firsts from 109 to 110, St. Louis and Iron Mountain Firsts from 110¼ to 111, Cincinnati and Springfield Firsts from 91¼ to 91½, Delaware and Hudson, registered, 1884, from 99½ to 100; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Eights, first mortgage, from 122½ to 125; Michigan Central, Sinking Funds from 113 to 113½; C., C., C. and I. Consols from 98⅝ to 99¼. The Pacific issues were strong and higher for some. Central Pacific gold bonds selling up to 109⅞; do. California and Oregon Branch to 99⅞; Union Pacific Sinking Funds to 114⅞, and Western Pacifics to 106½. Lehigh and Wilkesbarre consolidated assented advanced to 52¼, but reacted to 51¼. Chesapeake and Ohio Firsts, series B, declined from 39⅝ to 37½, but recovered to 38¼. Missouri, Kansas and Texas Seconds sold down from 20½ to 19¼, but improved to 20⅝. Keokuk and Des Moines Firsts declined to 90; Kansas Pacific Incomes Nos. 16 to 30; do. Sevens, Denver Division, with coupon certificate, to 95; Missouri, Kansas and Texas consolidated assented to 59; New-Jersey Central consolidated assented to 86¼; do. incomes to 57½; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Sevens, 1907, to 109; Hannibal and Central Missouri First to 99; Chicago and North-western consolidated registered gold bonds to 109; Hannibal and St. Joseph Eights to 110; Toledo and Wabash Firsts, St. Louis Division, ex matured coupon, to 99¾; New-York Elevated Firsts to 105½, and Kansas Pacific Firsts, Denver Division, Trust Receipts, from 96⅝ to 94⅝. In State bonds, Louisiana Consols sold up to 52½, but fell off to 51½. Tennessee Sixes sold at 24.

The total subscriptions to the 4 ⅌ cent. loan to-day aggregated $4,716,000.

The imports of specie for the week were $155,742, principally Silver.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—FEB. 24.

	Friday.	Monday.
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon.	106⅛	106⅛
United States 5s, 1881, coupon.	104¾	104⅝
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupon.	102	102
Bills on London	$4 85¾	$4 85¾
New-York Central	114¾	117⅞
Rock Island	133½	132
Pacific Mail	14⅝	14¼
Milwaukee and St. Paul	40½	39⅝
Milwaukee and St. Paul pref.	83⅝	82¼
Lake Shore	71½	70½
Chicago and North-western	60½	57½
Chicago and North-western pref.	90½	88⅝
Western Union	102⅜	101¾
Union Pacific	79½	73½
Delaware, Lack. and Western	53¾	53
New-Jersey Central	45	43
Delaware and Hudson Canal	43½	42¾
Morris and Essex	85	85½
Panama	135	135
Erie	27	27
Erie preferred	48½	48½
Ohio and Mississippi	12	11¼
Ohio and Mississippi pref.	38	38
Illinois Central	155	155¾
Hannibal and St. Joseph	15¾	15⅝
Hannibal and St. Joseph pref.	44½	43¾
Michigan Central	88	87¼
Illinois Central	89¾	88¾
Wabash	22⅝	22½
Canada Southern	57⅞	56½
Union Pacific	79¼	75
Cleve., Col., Cin. and Ind.	44½	44¼
Chicago and Alton	81⅞	81
C., C. and Ind. Central	6½	5⅝
Hannibal and St. Joseph	15⅞	15⅝
Hannibal and St. Jo. pref	43	43⅝
Ohio and Mississippi	12	11¼
Pacific Mail	14⅝	14⅛
Wells-Fargo Ex.	99½	99
Ontario Silver	40	40
Western Union	101⅝	100⅝
Mariposa	4½	4½
Mariposa pref.	20	20
Quicksilver	15½	15½
Quicksilver pref.	25½	25½
Pacific Express	98	98
Adams Express	50	50
American Express	50½	50
Central Pacific bonds	109⅞	109⅞
Tennessee 6s, new	37½	37½
Virginia 6s, new	38½	38½
Louisiana 4s, new	52½	51½
Louisiana 7s, new	75	75
Louisiana 7s, gold	90	90
Louisiana 5s	40	40
Louisiana 6s, s. b.	40	40
Louisiana 6s, n. f.	40	40
Louisiana 2s, l. b.	40	40
Louisiana 2s, l. b.	40	40
Louisiana 6s, l. b.	40	40
Louisiana 8s, l. b.	40	40
Virginia 6s, old	40	40
Virginia 6s, new	40	40
Virginia 6s, ex-mat. cp.	40	40
Virginia 6s, ex-int.	40	40
Virginia 10s	10	10
Virginia 10s, ex-int.	10	10
Virginia 10s, ex-int.	10	10
Virginia 10s, ex-int.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The following business was transacted at the Exchange yesterday, (Monday,) Feb. 24:

Louis Mosler, Employee, sale, A. J. Requier, Esq., Referee, sold the six-story brick building, with lot 26 by 55.9 by 9 by 20 by 62.6, No. 25 Oak-st., south side, running through to No. 67 New Chambers-st., 51.6 feet east of New Chambers-st., for $5,500, to Augusta H. Bunce, as Trustee and plaintiff.

James M. Oakley & Co., foreclosure sale, Alfred Wagstaff, Esq., Referee, sold the four and five story brick buildings, with lot 25 by 94.10, No. 338 East 11th-st., south side, 125 feet west of 1st-av., for $11,500, to James Fulton.

Howard W. Coates, foreclosure sale, John J. Thomasson, Esq., Referee, sold the two three-story frame buildings, with lot 25 by 98.9, No. 508 West 28th-st., south side, 150 feet west of 10th-av., for $3,250, to Sarah F. Rogers, plaintiff; also, plot of land, 100 by 436.10 by 100 by 434, on 10th-av., west side, known as plot No. 4 on a map of Fort George property, sold for $3,000, to John H. Dyckman, plaintiff. Also, similar sale, Benjamin F. Hamilton, Jr., Referee, disposed of two lots, each 25 by 100.11, on West 109th-st., north side, 250 feet east of 11th-av., for $4,100, to Edward Schwarzer, plaintiff.

Hugh N. Camp, foreclosure sale, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq., Referee, sold the four-story brown-stone front dwelling, with lease of lot 99 by 100.5 by 12.6 by 56.9, No. 207 West 45th-st., north side, 255 feet east of 8th-av., for $9,500, to Louisa Turner, plaintiff. Leased May 1, 1873, term 21 years, ground rent $430, and taxes and assessments; also, the three-story frame dwelling, with lot 17.10 by 100.11, No. 128 East 111th-st., south side, 409.4 feet west of 3d-av., sold for $4,200, to J. W. Hyatt.

A. J. Bloomer & Son, foreclosure sale, A. Ciakl, Esq., Referee, sold the three-story brick dwelling and two-story brick stable, with lot 25 by 100.5, No. 220 West 42d-st., south side, 350 feet east of 8th-av., for $12,525, to F. W. Bloomer, one of the defendants in the legal action.

The remaining auctions were postponed as follows: Sale by C. J. Lyon of the building, with lot No. 754 Attorney-st., north of Stanton-st., to Feb. 26. Sale by A. J. Bloomer & Son of 16 cases of land, known as lots D and C on a map of Hunts Point, to March 3. Sale by Herbert V. Hermott of buildings, with lots, Nos. 318 and 320 East 34th-st., east of 2d-av., and a plot of land, on 109th-av., east side, between 212th and 213th sts., to same date; and sale of two lots on West 152d-st., east of 8th-av., adjourned to March 10.

RECORDED REAL ESTATE SALES.

NEW-YORK.

Saturday, Feb. 22.

57th-st., s. s. 300 ft. w. of 5th-av., 25x100.5; Ralph March to Augustus D. Juilliard $28,500
97th-st., n. s. 125 ft. w. of 2d-av., 100x100.11; Thomas J. Harris and wife to Thomas L. Harris, Jr. 1,000
167th-st., s. w. corner of Union-av., 100x126; Casper Bormann and wife to Ann Jackson 600
13th-st., s. s., 156 ft. w. of Avenue C, 25x103.2; Nathan A. Chedsey and wife to John Robertson ..... nom.
3d-av., s. s., No. 412, 18.11x100; Arthur Johnston and wife to William A. Johnston 8,000
Washington-av., e. s., 115 ft. s. of 5th-st., 18x91.6; Henry E. Pottiger and wife to Henry Hachmann 900
54th-st., n. s., 325 ft. e. of 2d-av., 25x100.5; Johann M. Aulbach to Barbara Aulbach ..... nom.
126th-st., s. s., 216.3 ft. e. of 5th-av., 18.9x99.11; Harmon Hoover and wife to W. J. A. McGrath 14,000
2d-av., w. s., 20 ft. n. of 22d-st., 62x28; also, 2d-av., s. w. corner of 24th-st., 39.10x76; also, 2d-av., w. s., 118.6 ft. n. of 24th-st., 19.8x76; also, 32d-st., s. s., 125 ft. w. of 2d-av., 98.9x—; also, 24-av., e. s., 39 ft. n. of 30th-st., 19x100; also, 32d-st., n. s., 125.5 ft. w. of 2d-av., 17.10x98.9; also, 2d-av., e. s., 74.4 ft. n. of 30th-st., 16.4x100; also, 2d-av., e. s., 107 ft. n. of 30th-st., 16.4x100; Emily L. Smith to Marion Smith ..... nom.
8d-av., e. s., 75.7 ft. s. of 104th-st., 25.2x110; John H. Morris, Executor, to Robert White 3,300
40th-st., s. s., 225 ft. e. of 3d-av., 20x98.9; T. F. Wickes, Referee, to Charles Tracy and others 5,600
121st to 122d st. x. Avenue A to Harlem River; Francis H. Macy and wife to William H. Macy ..... nom.
113th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 2d-av., 20x100.11; George H. Manchester to Henry Dolan 1,000
Willet-st., e. s., No. 94, 25x100; John Dooper and wife to William Sohn 14,800
57th-st., e. s., 100 ft. w. of 9th-av., 25.2x100.4; George P. Kent and wife to Benjamin Hickmott 10,500
West 44th-st., n. s., 263 ft. w. of 6th-av., 25.4x108.2; William McDermott to Christiana Christie ..... nom.
Elizabeth-st., w. s., 155 ft. s. of Grand-st., 80x94; William A. Darling to Thomas Darling 10,000
16th-st., East, Nos. 214 and 216; Same to Same 200
Suffolk-st., w. s., lots Nos. 1,064 and 1,065; Same to Same 800
Avenue B, s. e. corner of 11th-st., 24.8x92; Julia P. Dell to Sarah E. Dingan 250
Same property; William A. Coit to Sarah E. Dingan 500
126th-st., s. s., 236 ft. w. of 7th-av., 12.6x99.11; Bernard E. Smith to Catharine Dalton 5,000
125th-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 3d-av., 25x100; Margaret A. Willingbolt to Frederick Meckel ..... nom.
Mercer-st., e. s., 25 ft. n. of Grand-st., 25x100; George N. Lozee and wife to William H. Brigham 1,200
154th-st., s. s., 146 ft. w. of Courtlandt-av., 50.8x100; Solomon Emrich to Nathan Martin 3,000

LEASES RECORDED.

59th-st., s. s., 275 ft. e. of Avenue A, 25x98.9; John C. Astor to Charles Ritter, 20 years $350
4th-st., n. s., 200 ft. e. of Avenue A, 25x96.2; John J. Astor to Hans Loden, Administrator, 20 years 350
4th-st., n. s., 87.11 ft. e. of 1st-av., 25x96.2; William Astor to Magdalena Thomas, 20 years 350
Avenue B, No. 48; Jacob M. Patterson, Executor, to Adolph Simkowitz, 1 year 800

MORTGAGES RECORDED.

Christie, William, and another to D. L. Rives and another, Executors, 3 years 8,000
Christie, William, and another to Henry Sloan, Trustee, &c.; s. s. 50th-st., 350 ft. w. of 1st-av., 2 months 400
Christie, William, and another to Stephen Birch; same property, 3 years 800
Christie, William, and another to S. G. Taylor; s. s. 50th-st., 2 months 855
Gent, Jacobus, to Simon Pratt; n. w. corner of City and Jackson avs., 3 years 400
Hoeding, Christopher, and wife to Andrew Koch; No. 100 Ridge-st., 18 months 500
Leary, Andrew, to F. B. Farnsudi; s. w. corner of 8th-av. and 28th-st., 3 years 2,500
McCahey, John, and wife to John Sullivan; 27th-st., e. s., 2 years 2,000
Richardson, Benjamin H. to George P. Bell; s. s. 57th-st., w. of 9th-av., 3 months 9,500
Rotger, Henry E., and wife to Frederick Lammers; s. e. s. Washington-st., s. w. of 5th-st., 3 years 400
Tallman, J. H., and wife to E. W. Hofman; s. s. 53d-st., w. of 5th-av., 5 years 40,000
Washburn, J. H., and wife to Isaac E. Wright; n. s. 125th-st., 1 year 18,000

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGES.

Leitbach, Max, and another to Joseph Belleshein ..... nom.
Metropolitan Savings Bank to the Northern Dispensary $7,123
Phillips, Mary L. to Nelly E. Brown 3,000
Rosenstein, Frederick, to William R. Bell 550
Same to Same 550
Ulery, Simon, to Henry Hornidge 5,000
Williamson, J. S., Referee, to Eliza Gelsey 5,500

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FIFTY-FOURTH-ST., BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH-AVS.—For sale, modern high-stoop brownstone house, 22x60, and a builder's lot (adjoining extension), 18x100.5; house was built by a first-class builder. For full particulars apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

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VALUABLE STORE PROPERTY ON WASHINGTON, DEY, AND FULTON STS., INCLUDING TWO CORNERS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sale-room, No. 111 Broadway,

WASHINGTON AND DEY STREETS.—The five-story brick stores and lots, Nos. 180, 182, 184, 186 Washington and No. 76 Dey st., being on the north-west corner of Washington and Dey sts.

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Fifty per cent. can remain on mortgage.

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WEST EIGHTY-FOURTH-STREET.—North side, 225 feet east of 9th-av., two three-story and basement brick houses; hard-wood finish; each 18.8x50; lot, 102.2 deep.

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Broadway, east side, 43d and 44th sts., 3 superb lots. Grand Boulevard, West End-av. and 84th-st., 14 choice lots. Maps and further particulars from Wellesley W. Gage, Esq., Pub'n Atty, Onondaga Bld'g, George W. Parsons, Esq., Referee, No. 111 Broadway, or at Auctioneer's Office, No. 111 Broadway, basement.

JAMES M. OAKLEY & CO. WILL SELL, by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of JOHN M. BOWERS, Esq., Referee, the three-story brick dwelling, No. 647 Lexington-av., at the Exchange Sale-room, No. 111 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, 1879, at 12 o'clock. Sale absolute. Maps at office of BILLIARD & STONE, Plaintiff's Attorneys, No. 52 Liberty-st.

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AUCTION SALES.

SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.—FOR ACCOUNT of whom it may concern: Will be sold in NEW-HAVEN, Conn., on THURSDAY, March 6, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at JUDSON'S PACKING-HOUSE, Winchester-av., that portion of the submerged cargo of the steamship "John Bramall," wrecked Oct. 18 last on Little Gull Island, Long Island Sound, now stored in above warehouse, consisting of 14,146 packages shipped as containing each 1,330 primed Martini-Henry brass cartridge-shells, or 20 pounds, and 8,013 packages shipped as containing each 9,000 lead-patched Martini-Henry bullets, or 140 pounds, more or less, all of which have been submerged in salt water for various periods of time. These articles will be sold in lots of 1,000 cases, with the privilege of the entire quantity, to the highest bidder for cash. Nothing guaranteed but the weight.

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AUCTION SALE OF U. S. ARMY MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

MEDICAL PURVEYING DEPOT, U. S. A., New-York, Feb. 17, 1879.

WILL BE OFFERED AT PUBLIC SALE, March 19, 1879, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., under the direction of Capt. W. Gaillard Medical Storekeeper, U. S. Army, at the "Old Post Office" Sales-room, Cedar-street, corner of Nassau, Richter & Tufts, auctioneers, a quantity of Medical and Hospital Property, embracing medicines, dressings, instruments, furniture, bedding, clothing, furniture, and miscellaneous articles.

Terms of the sale, cash. All goods purchased to be removed within 24 hours.

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SUPREME COURT, KINGS COUNTY.—EDWARD J. HOLDEN against BERNARD GLOVER. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of this court made in the above-entitled action January 11th, 1879, I, the subscriber, as Receiver in said action, will sell by public auction, at the store No. 54 Beekman-street, in the City of New-York, on the twenty-first day of February instant, the stock of files and saws and other goods now in said store and belonging to the firm of Glover & Co., to be sold as the property of said firm, at ten o'clock A. M.—Dated February 10th, 1879.

ALBERT E. LAMB, Receiver.

The above sale is hereby adjourned to March 5, 1879.—Feb. 21, 1879. ALBERT E. LAMB, Receiver.

BY JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., AUCTIONEERS.

THE DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY will sell 100,000 TONS SCRANTON COAL At Public Auction ON WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, at 12 o'clock noon, at No. 26 Exchange-place. SAMUEL SLOAN, President.

IN THE MATTER OF J. BOGHAKIN AND others.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. E. Lapham, Regicon, I will sell at my office, 50 Wall-st., N. Y. City, March 19th, at 12 M., interest of $40,000 claim, belonging to the Assignee herein. A list of said claims can be seen at my office. ISAAC P. MARTIN, Junior. 220-3tawSu

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From White Star Dock, Pier No. 48 North River.

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NEVADA.....TUESDAY, March 11, 7 A. M.
WISCONSIN.....TUESDAY, March 18, 2 P. M.
WYOMING.....TUESDAY, March 25, 8 A. M.
MONTANA.....TUESDAY, April 1, noon
NEVADA.....TUESDAY, April 15, 1 P. M.

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CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Saturday, March 1, 11 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Thursday, March 6, 9:30 A. M.
CITY OF BERLIN.....Saturday, March 15, 11:30 A. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Thursday, March 20, 3 P. M.

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Erin(st.)...March 8, 2 P. M. | Bolivia...March 22, 8 P. M.

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GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY between New-York and Havre.

Company's Pier, (new,) No. 42 North River, foot of Morton-st.

AMERIQUE, DELOS.....Wednesday, March 5, 3 P. M.
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MISCELLANEOUS CITY NEWS

EX-MAYOR WESTERVELT'S FUNERAL.

THE SERVICES AT THE SOUTH REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH YESTERDAY—A EULOGY BY REV. DR. ROGERS.

The funeral of the late Jacob Aaron Westervelt, an ex-Mayor of this City, and at the time of his death a member of the Board of Dock Commissioners, took place from the South Reformed (Dutch) Church, Fifth-avenue and Twenty-first-street, yesterday morning. At 10 o'clock, the time appointed for the memorial services, the church was well filled, and the avenue was strewn with coaches. The majority of the attendants in the church were old white-headed men, and very many of them were employes of the late Mr. Westervelt. Among those known prominently in the City were ex-Gov. Hoffman, ex-Mayor Wickham, Dock Commissioner Jacob Vanderpoel, Eugene Lynch, Samuel Conover, Townsend Cox, President William Wood, of the Board of Education, and Henry Bergh, whose father was a partner of Mr. Westervelt, and the first man to give the future Mayor of New-York a start in life. The church was almost destitute of floral embellishments, Mr. Westervelt having made a request that his friends should make no contribution of flowers at his funeral. He was a plain, modest man during his life, and he wished the plainness which characterized him to be a prominent feature of his obsequies. His wishes in this matter were respected, and with the exception of a small cross of ivy, studded very sparingly with moss roses, which stood to the left of the altar, there was no attempt at floral display. At precisely 10 o'clock the funeral procession entered the church and passed down the central aisle, the organ playing a solemn dirge and the congregation standing with heads bowed in reverence. The procession was led by Rev. Dr. E. P. Rogers, Pastor of the church and officiating clergyman, and Rev. Dr. Thomas Goulding, who assisted in the services. Then followed the pall-bearers—George Richard, Salem H. Wales, Alexander M. Lawrence, John H. Abeel, H. F. Dimock, Edward Hinckon, William H. Webb, and John Gray. Dr. Alexander Perry, the physician who attended Mr. Westervelt in his last illness, preceded the remains, which were borne in an elegant casket covered with black velvet and adorned with massive silver handles. A simple wreath of immortelles, with the word "Father" worked in violets, lay upon the head of the casket and a sheaf of wheat at the foot. Following the body came the immediate relatives and friends of the deceased. As the procession passed slowly down the aisle Dr. Rogers read the solemn service of the dead, and the organ pealed forth in a low, plaintive wail a requiem dirge.

When the casket had been deposited before the altar a short prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, the congregation standing. The hymn "Nearer, my God, to Thee" was then sung by the quartet and the congregation, and following this came an eloquent eulogy on the virtues of ex-Mayor Westervelt by Dr. Rogers, his old friend and Pastor. The reverend gentleman gave a brief review of the life of the deceased, and said that he was a specimen of a true Christian gentleman, such as the world had seldom seen. The Bible says that "the memory of the just is blessed." No juster man than Mayor Westervelt had ever lived in this country. His memory is blessed, said the preacher, not only to his immediate friends and relatives who mourn his loss, but to thousands upon thousands of the poor of this City who have to-day wept over the loss of their benefactor. The Bible tells us that "a good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children." Mayor Westervelt has left to his children and their children a legacy far more enduring than gold or silver—the legacy of a life of love and purity. "A good name," says the good book, "is rather to be chosen than great riches." Gold is the human standard of value. The divine standard is character. Judged by that divine standard, ex-Mayor Westervelt was wealthy beyond computation. It is in such reflections as these that the mourning friends of the dead must find consolation, and, above all, should the thought that their loved one had died, as he had lived from childhood up, with a firm reliance upon Christ, and a perfect faith in the power of Christ to save, bring joy to the hearts of the mourners.

At the conclusion of Dr. Rogers' eulogy, a short prayer was offered, and the casket was borne to the hearse to be conveyed to Green-Wood, where the remains were buried.

LAWYERS AT LOGGERHEADS.

THE CODIFICATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES—MESSRS. SHEPARD AND SHAFER DISAGREE.

The Aldermanic Committee on Law gave another hearing yesterday to Messrs. Elliott F. Shepard and Ebenezer B. Shafer in relation to their respective reports on the codification of the Municipal ordinances now in force. It appears that each of these gentlemen regarded their duties in the matter from a different stand-point, and every effort to induce them to agree upon the questions at issue proved an utter failure. Only two members of the committee, Mr. Hyatt and Mr. Stewart, were present. Before the proceedings commenced Mr. Hyatt expressed the hope that no personalities would be indulged in by the parties who were to speak on the subject, but in some instances this advice was not heeded.

Mr. Shepard first addressed the committee. He said that it was in order for Mr. Shafer to make a retraction in relation to a statement which he had attributed to Hooper C. Van Vorst at the previous meeting. His colleague had said that Mr. Van Vorst told him he would not have written a letter to Mayor Cooper indorsing Mr. Shepard's compilation of the ordinances if he had known that Mr. Shafer had also been appointed a Commissioner to perform the work.

Mr. Shafer said he had no retraction to make, and that what he had previously stated was true in every particular.

Mr. Shepard rejoined that Mr. Van Vorst had requested Mr. Shafer to make the retraction.

Mr. Shafer replied that Hooper C. Van Vorst had been in Mr. Shepard's office, and that the former tried to induce his father to deny his [Mr. Shafer's] statement. He would, therefore, make no retraction, but would stand by every word he had said. Mr. Shafer then proceeded to explain his codification of the various municipal laws, remarking that he had given the matter all his attention, and that his compilation was the only valuable one that was made, and should be approved by the Common Council. The system he adopted in performing the work was approved by his colleagues.

Mr. Shepard admitted this fact.

Mr. Shafer then said that it was very unfair for his colleague to make this admission, especially as he had previously pronounced his compilation of no value. As for Mr. Shepard's report, it could be gotten up in a few weeks. The document did not involve much labor. His colleague had sent in his report to the Board of Aldermen, although he had previously obtained from the speaker a promise that he would not send in his report. He had also made a false statement to Mayor Cooper about the whole matter. Mr. Shafer then said that money had been offered to him in behalf of his colleague, if he would retire from the commission.

Mr. Shepard replied that the course he pursued was intended by him to secure a peaceful settlement of the difficulty. The proposition referred to by his colleague was made by his clerk, but the latter received a solemn promise from Mr. Shafer that he would not divulge it.

Mr. Shafer—[here pronounce that statement a lie; but if that word is not proper, then—

Alderman Hyatt—Come to order. You must not indulge in personalities. Such language is not decorous, and the committee are not at all familiar with it.

Mr. Shafer here looked bitterly at Mr. Shepard, and exclaimed: "Gentlemen, when a dog tries to bite you, the only thing for you to do is to hit him with a club; there's no use in throwing feathers at him."

Again Mr. Hyatt interfered, declaring that the argument should be carried on without any personal allusions.

Mr. Shepard, who seemed to be very much annoyed at the epithets used by his colleague, did not reply to them, but proceeded to give a detailed history of the codification he had made, after which the committee adjourned.

SEVENTY-FIRST REGIMENT RECEPTION.

The annual reception of the Seventy-first Regiment took place last evening at the regimental armory, Broadway and Thirty-fifth-street. Flags and festoons were tastefully draped about the ceiling and sides of the two main rooms where the dancing was in progress, and also in the company rooms, where a number of the companies provided collations for their guests. A large supper was also spread in the officers' room. The orchestra, under the direction of John Ocea, played some delightful selections from Strauss and others, and also a number of new marches and promenades. Among the invited guests were Gov. Robinson and staff, Mayor Cooper, Gen. Hancock, Gen. McClellan, Gen. Husted, the Fire and Police Commissioners, the Generals of the two divisions, and the field officers of most of the regiments of the two divisions. The reception was under the immediate charge of the following committees: Arrangements—Surgeon J. D. Bryant, Chairman; Capt. H. W. Bellknap, Lieut. G. W. Kershaw, Lieut. M. B. Spaulding, Lieut. F. S. Bolton. Reception Committee—Col. Richard Vose, Chairman; Lieut.-Col. W. H. Chadwick, Major E. A. McAlpine, Adjt. R. H. Stevenson, Quartermaster E. C. Bigelow, Assistant Surgeon J. E. Albert. Company Committee—Sergt. Fleyr (Company Capt. O. C. Hoffman, Chairman; Lieut. J. R. Severin, Sergt.-Major G. H. Wyatt, Sergt. William Hamilton, Sergt. J. H. Drummond, Sergt. W. J. Baldwin, Corp. Russell Lawrence, Corp. J. H. Munson, Corp. G. K. Frazier, Corp. W. S. Bolton, Corp. S. F. Davis, Private F. F. Genet.

THE REDUCTION OF POLICE SALARIES.

Inspectors Dilks, McDermott, Thorne, and Murray, the committee having charge of the proceedings to be instituted to settle, by judicial decision, the legality of the deduction of 20 per cent from the salaries of the Police force, made by the Commissioners on the 1st of January, met at Police Central Office yesterday for the purpose of collecting the testimony invited on the members of the force in the contest and to deliver the necessary subpœnas of the contest. The testimony invited were as the following rates: Inspectors, $7 each; Captains, $5; Sergeants, $3; patrolmen, $2, and doormen, $1 50. The sum total collected amount to over $5,000. Messrs. A. J. Vanderpoel, Elihu Root, George Bliss, and John D. Townsend have been retained to prosecute the claims of the Police.

REV. JUSTIN D. FULTON EXPELLED.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS WILL NOT HAVE HIM—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIS CASE.

The Baptist Ministers' Conference expelled Rev. Dr. Justin D. Fulton, of the Centennial Baptist Church, Brooklyn, from its councils yesterday. Rev. John J. Brousse, of the North Baptist Church in this City, presided, and the first order of business was the report of the committee appointed at a previous meeting to investigate the action of Dr. Fulton in assailing Rev. Mr. Samson. Rev. Dr. Daniel Read reported on behalf of the committee. He said he had "always had, and always would have," the warmest feelings of friendship toward Brother Fulton, who had begun his ministry at the side of the speaker in St. Louis, and he felt that if the Conference really knew Dr. Fulton's warm and generous disposition, and only understood him sufficiently to realize how much rashness he withheld and how little he "let out," there would not be that antipathy felt toward him that now exists among the members of the Conference. Still, as Dr. Fulton persisted in his refusal to withdraw what he had said against Dr. Samson, the members of the committee felt in duty bound to report in favor of continuing the decree of the Conference ordering his suspension until he should withdraw the offensive remarks he had uttered. The committee had sent a communication to Dr. Fulton, dated Feb. 17, in which it had been suggested that the latter should strike out the preface of his letter, and include the latter portion, asking the committee to act on his report, but Dr. Fulton had declined to adopt the suggestion.

The report was accepted with the thanks of the Conference, and the committee was discharged. Rev. J. B. Thomas next rose and proceeded to condemn the course of certain members of the Conference, who had "resorted to the secular press" to ventilate their grievances. Then ensued a warm discussion. A member insisted that the Conference not only was under the condemnation of the secular press, whose ignorance of their methods was excusable, but its members were receiving letters daily from members of the same faith throughout the country deprecating the action of the Conference and urging them to "comport themselves like gentlemen."

Rev. Dr. Read suggested that it was foolish to spend so much time in the discussion of newspaper articles. The field of the press was "open to the world," and in attempting to stop the publication of offensive articles the members of the Conference were trying to do something which it was impossible to accomplish. "The newspapers are as independent as we are," said he, "and the way to answer them is through their own columns, which are open to everybody."

It was next moved that the report of the committee should be reconsidered, and that an amendment should be added compelling Dr. Fulton to withdraw his offensive attacks upon Dr. Samson, and to deny and "apologize to the Conference for his injurious statements and insinuations published in a morning paper."

Rev. Jesse B. Thomas emphatically expressed his "scorn" of the brother who would resort to the secular press to secure his vindication, and thus stir up a discussion of his imaginary wrongs in public. In reference to Dr. Fulton's letter to a morning paper, he thought that when a wanton assault like that was made on the Conference it should be at once disposed of. Rev. Dr. Moore moved to expel Dr. Fulton, and the motion was carried by a vote of 23 to 11. The session was closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Parmly.

RAPID TRANSIT FACILITIES.

THE FIFTY-THIRD-STREET BRANCH OF THE METROPOLITAN ROAD COMPLETED.

The Metropolitan Elevated Railway Company will at noon to-day begin running trains over the Fifty-third-street branch, the temporary terminus of which is at Eighth-avenue. Every alternate train starting from the lower end of the road will proceed westward on reaching the Fifty-third-street switch, leaving only one-half the present number of trains to run to Fifty-eighth-street and Sixth-avenue. An average of 34 trains an hour will be run, and the interval between each from 3 P. M. to 7 P. M. is to be one minute and three-quarters. Some new rolling stock will be placed on the tracks during the present week. The work on the West Side extension through Ninth-avenue is being carried forward as rapidly as circumstances permit. Although the contract does not call for the completion of the iron work before July 1 next, it is believed that the portion of the extension from Fifty-third to Fifty-ninth-street will be in full operation about May 1. The pieces of the workmen who recently struck for higher wages have all been supplied by new hands, who have, the officers of the company assert, proved quite as efficient as the old ones.

A force of 150 men was set to work yesterday morning in Division and Allen streets, between Chatham-square and East Houston-street, digging the foundations for the pillars of the East Side branch. The contract for the iron work specifies that it shall be in position on the entire line of the road, as far as Harlem, by Sept. 1. A month later the road will be ready for operation. The route from Chatham-square is through Division-street to Allen, thence to Houston, to First-avenue, to Twenty-third-street, and thence to Harlem by way of Second-avenue. That part of the road which will occupy Second-avenue will be similar to the section of the Sixth-Avenue line between Fifty-third and Fifty-eighth streets. Its width will afford space sufficient for the laying of three tracks, but it is not intended to have more than two. Where it will be found necessary to put the pillars on the sidewalks the style of the construction is to be like that of the West Broadway section.

A NEW REPUBLICAN CLUB.

A meeting of Republicans of the Fifteenth Assembly District was held last night at No. 352 West Thirty-fifth-street, for the purpose of organizing a Republican club. John Frick presided, and Berrian Keyser acted as Secretary. The Committee on Constitution and By-laws, appointed at a previous meeting, presented their report, which was adopted. The constitution provides that the name of the organization shall be "The Republican Club," and that its "objects shall be the promotion of Republican principles, and the cultivation of social enjoyment among its members. No person shall be proposed or admitted to be a member of the club who is not at the time a citizen of the United States, and whose politics are not those held by the Republican Party. Every person elected shall pledge himself to do all in his power to advance the interests and promote the harmony of the Republican Party." In the call which forms the basis of the organization it is stated that "there is a large class of Republicans in the district who will not participate in the transactions of what is called the Regular Republican Association, because of its well-known questionable character, and because of the element existing therein which does not properly represent the Republicans of the Fifteenth Assembly District, and which forcibly prevents a free expression of opinion, individual action, and a fair decision by votes of a majority of actual members. In consequence, that portion of the Republican citizens most able to give proper advice, and who would act on principle, are kept away from politics, and the extremely poor showing of Republican votes, as indicated by the last election, is one of the results. Therefore, recognizing the necessity of some measure which shall tend to bring out that element, which is absolutely necessary before the Republican Party in the Assembly district shall be properly represented, according to Republican principles," the call proposes that 25 well-known Republicans of the district unite and form themselves into the basis of a Republican Social Club, &c. Appended to the call are 24 names, and of these a majority attended the meeting last evening. After adopting the constitution and by-laws, the club adjourned to meet again the second Wednesday in March, for the election of permanent officers. Appended to the call for the organization of the club above referred to are the names of Henry G. Leask and William M. Montgomery.

THE POLICE JUSTICES.

The Board of Police Justices met in the Court of Special Sessions last evening, and again failed to elect a Clerk in room of Mr. Johnson, whose term has expired. Justice Flammer moved that a committee of three be appointed to report what power the board possessed to keep the court proceedings secret in such cases as in their discretion would be prejudiced by publication. The motion was supported by Justices Murray, Otterbourg, and Duffy. Justice Wandell spoke strongly against the resolution, saying that when the Justices sought to constitute themselves censors of the public press they traveled out of their province and beyond their ability. He had never found a court reporter who, in addition to knowing his business, was not considerate and kind. Justice Flammer explained that he merely wished to have some measure adopted by which the publication of the issuance of a warrant might be prevented, and that he did not mean to reflect in any way on the reporters. Justices Bixby, Wandell, Morgan, Wheeler, Kasmire, and Kilbreth voted in the negative, and Justice Flammer's resolution was declared to be lost. The board then adjourned.

THE NEW CIVIL SERVICE.

Another conference on the civil service question was held at the Custom-house yesterday. The Collector, Surveyor, Naval Officer, Appraiser, and Sub-Treasurer were present. It was decided that the new Board of Examiners will consist exclusively of Government employes, there being no appropriation out of which to pay for the services of outsiders. The members of the board were not named, however. Appraiser Dutcher claiming that a special set of experts would be required to conduct examinations in his department on account of the technical knowledge necessary in employes there. For the purpose of giving this difficulty due consideration an adjournment was taken until this afternoon when the entire business will be finally settled.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The balance in the City Treasury is $1,705,193 52.

The Customs officers seized yesterday 600 cigars and 120 bundles of cigarettes on the Havana steamer City of Vera Cruz.

The first social hop of the American Coterie will take place to-morrow night, at Odd-fellows' Assembly Rooms, No. 96 Fourth-street.

The fair for the benefit of the House of the Holy Family will close this evening at No. 1,160 Broadway. It has been quite successful.

Dr. Ormiston will repeat his lecture on "Europe Revisited," in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, in Twenty-second-street, this evening.

Peter Johnson, a sailor, fell from the masthead to the deck of the steam-ship Nevada, at Pier No. 42 North River, yesterday, and was fatally injured.

The Light-house Inspector of District No. 2 reports that the automatic fog-signal buoy off Fire Island has disappeared, but will be replaced as soon as possible.

Ole E. Larsen, a seaman on the bark Sarah M. Smith, which arrived from Bremen yesterday, fell from the main yard during a gale on Jan. 29 and was drowned.

Rev. Dr. E. H. Chapin will deliver a lecture on "Orders of Nobility" this evening, in aid of the Church of the Messiah, in the church edifice, corner of Park-avenue and Thirty-fourth-street.

The Grand Jury yesterday investigated the facts in the case of John Hope, arrested on suspicion of being one of the men who committed the Manhattan Bank burglary, and found an indictment against him.

Collector Merritt forwarded his new bond for $200,000 to Washington yesterday. The following gentlemen qualified in $50,000 each: Marshall O. Roberts, William Walter Phelps, Simeon B. Chittenden, and Hugh Allen.

The Grand Jury yesterday dismissed the complaint against Dr. E. F. Blanchfield for having passed a worthless check on Emanuel Finstener, No. 757 Broadway, it having been shown to their satisfaction that the Doctor had himself been imposed upon.

The schooner Lottie, of Prince Edward Island, left Calbarien for this port on Nov. 22, and having sprung a leak and sustained other damage in a gale, it was necessary for her to put into Bermuda for repairs. She arrived here yesterday afternoon.

Two hundred and twenty-one immigrants arrived at Castle Garden since the last report. The Suevia, from Hamburg, brought 102; the City of Brussels, from Liverpool, 73; the Italy, from London, 27, and the State of Nevada, from Glasgow, 19.

The case of John Flynn and David Pender, alias "Dave the Kid," indicted for highway robbery, in having snatched a diamond ear-ring from the person of Mrs. De Bary, on Fifth-avenue, is on the calendar of Part I. of the Court of General Sessions today.

Miss Mary E. Dalton, daughter of the late Police Captain Dalton, who, it is argued, is hopelessly insane, was brought before Justice Otterbourg, yesterday, in the Tombs Police Court, and was by him committed to the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

The mule deer, *Cervus macrotis*, procured by Judge J. D. Caton, of Illinois, and presented to the Zoological Garden by the Smithsonian Institution, will be shipped to London to-day by Henderson Brothers, agents of the Anchor Line, who have consented to carry it free of expense. The deer will be the first of its species ever seen in Europe.

Judge Gildersleeve disposed of a number of Excise cases in the Court of General Sessions yesterday. Valentine Bauer, No. 257 Bowery, pleaded guilty, and was fined $50. Samuel Booth, Twenty-fourth-street and Third-avenue, John Griffiths, No. 2,307 Third-avenue, and Tony Jeffrig, No. 130 Greenwich-street, also pleaded guilty, and were each fined $30.

Dennis Bloom, of No. 161 Division-street, was arraigned before Justice Otterbourg, yesterday, in the Tombs Police Court, charged with having in his possession 48 pairs of rubber shoes which were stolen from an express wagon. The prisoner, who was held for trial in default of $1,000 bail, said that he bought the shoes in good faith, not knowing that they were stolen.

John Cullen was knocked down and killed March 22, 1878, at the corner of Fifth-avenue and Twenty-third-street, by a team of horses attached to a cross-town car. His widow, Mary Cullen, was given permission by Judge Donohue, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, to sue as a poor person, to recover damages from the Twenty-third-Street Railway Company.

A decree of divorce was entered by Judge Donohue, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, on the report of Referee Richard Busteed, in the case of Malvina S. Jones against Victor M. Jones. The plaintiff is well known for the interest she has taken for several years past in religious enterprises. The defendant is a sculptor. They were married in 1872, and have no children.

Judge Donohue yesterday appointed Gunning S. Bedford, Abraham H. Pardy, and William Lalor Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of the opening of One Hundred and Fifth-street from Third to Fifth avenue, and the first two named gentlemen and Bernard Smythe as Commissioners for the opening of Forest-avenue from Denman-place to Home-street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Assignments for the benefit of creditors were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday from John P. Ketborn and Charles Ketborn to Henry W. Raunenberg; Mary A. Cox to Joseph M. Cox, with preferences amounting to $1,200; Charles Helfrich and Daniel P. Helfrich to Chester H. Wolverton; the J. G. Knapp Manufacturing Company to Albert S. Warth; and Daniel H. Dwight, boots and shoes dealer, of No. 387 Sixth-avenue, to John R. Rutter.

The investigation of Commissioner Erhardt's charges will be resumed by Mayor Cooper at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Mayor yesterday announced that he did not know anything about the report that an application would be made by five citizens to have an examination of the management of the Police Department made by a Judge of the Supreme Court, as provided for by section 109 of the charter. The session to-day will, as hitherto, be private.

The Masters of the Masonic Lodges in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Districts have been notified to attend the first meeting for the exemplification of work and lectures, by R. W. George R. Raymond, the Grand Lodge Lecturer, in the Commandery Room, Masonic Temple, on Thursday next, at 7:30 P. M. The second meeting will be held on March 7, at the same hour, in the same place. There will be no meeting this evening, as was announced.

BROOKLYN.

During the past week permits were granted by the Department of Fire and Buildings for the erection of seven new buildings.

William J. McCann was recently discharged from the Flatbush Insane Asylum cured. On Saturday he got on the roof of his residence, No. 195 Spencer-street, and commenced throwing stones and bricks at the passers-by. He was restrained and returned to the asylum.

The Second District Court was adjourned yesterday by Justice Bloom out of respect to the memory of ex-Judge N. B. Morse, who formerly presided in that court, and whose funeral took place yesterday. Judge Morse died on Friday last of pneumonia, after five days' sickness.

The Trustees of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, on Bergen-street, were granted permission yesterday by Judge Pratt to mortgage their church property for $35,000. Justice Gilbert, sitting in the Supreme Court, granted the application of the Trustees of the Church of the Pilgrims to sell the old chapel property on Warren-street, near Hicks.

When the cases of the indicted City Works Commissioners were called in the City Court yesterday, counsel for the defendants discovered that the panel of jurors had not been legally drawn, inasmuch as a Judge was not present at the drawing. The panel was quashed, and the cases went over to the March term. The trial will probably take place in two weeks.

Among the prisoners sentenced by Judge Moore, in the Court of Sessions, yesterday, were two New-York thieves, named Thomas Carter and William Johnson, against whom a number of indictments for burglary had been found. Each of the men pleaded guilty to two indictments, and were sentenced on the first indictment to 10 years, and on the second to 5 years, in the Penitentiary.

Isaac, better known by his professional name of Jules, Levy was again examined in supplementary proceedings yesterday, before Referee Ridgeway, in the suit of George Eyer. Levy repeated at more length the testimony given by him on a former occasion relative to the diamonds he wore, the furniture of his house, &c., all of which, he said, was owned by his wife. He will be examined again on the 10th of March.

The Supplies Committee of the Kings County Board of Supervisors, who are engaged in investigating the character of the supplies furnished the county institutions at Flatbush, met yesterday morning at the Alms-house, and adjourned one week, at the request of Contractor Harrison, without transacting any business. It is expected that the investigation will be then proceeded with from day to day until finished.

Some time ago Sarah M. Llewellyn sued John Llewellyn for absolute divorce. The case was sent before Mr. D. P. Barnard, and he found for the defendant. Yesterday counsel for the plaintiff made a motion in court to compel the defendant to pay for the counsel and to enjoin him for contempt, in refusing to pay alimony. Counsel for the defendant characterized the motion as absurd. The court reserved its decision.

The Commissioners of City Works yesterday sent a communication to the Mayor declining to furnish the residence of the man whose names were on the pay-rolls sent to Mr. Hewell for his signature, on the ground that the information was not in the possession of the department, and also on the ground that the Controller, not the Mayor, was the person designated by the charter to prescribe the form of the pay-rolls.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The complicated Merritt will matter, in which a putative son of John A. Merritt, deceased, of Port Chester, and a host of first, second, and third cousins are struggling for possession of his large estate, is now before the Supreme Court again in a new aspect. Judge Dykman has allowed a motion for a struck jury to try the question of the legitimacy of William J. Merritt, (or Wilson,) the alleged son of the decedent.

Surrogate Coffin has denied the application of Hannah Strong, a legatee under the will of Benajah Strong, deceased, to open and set aside a decree on the accounting of the Executor, Edward Strong, on the ground of fraud, she alleging that she had been duped by him into accepting his note for $6,000 in settlement of her legacy, and had executed a release under seal therefor, at a time when he represented himself as solvent, though he really was insolvent. The case was argued by P. L. McClellan for the petitioner and ex-Gov. Hoffman for the Executor. The Surrogate held that he had power to try the question of the validity of the release in the first instance, if raised during the accounting, and that he had power to open a decree on the ground of fraud. The denial of the application was on the ground of laches, four years having elapsed since the alleged fraud was discovered.

STATEN ISLAND.

John Flanigan, Justice of the Peace in the Town of Southfield, died on Sunday at his residence, Clifton, after a brief illness, of pneumonia.

NEW-JERSEY.

The annual fair of the New-Jersey State Agricultural Society will be held on Sept. 15.

A registry is being made in the First Ward of Newark to-day, for a special election for Alderman, to be held on Tuesday next.

James Blythe, of Newark, while walking along the embankment of the Morris Canal, slipped and fell back upon the ice covering the canal, and was injured in a serious, if not fatal manner.

Alice Mandeville commenced, at the Newark Rink yesterday afternoon at 4 P. M., the feat of walking 3,000 quarter miles in 3,000 quarter hours. A number of female pedestrians also entered upon a 750-mile walk.

James Mead, colored, of No. 9, and Josephine Silemo, also colored, of No. 11, Cowes-alley, Newark, were arrested on Sunday night, charged with keeping disorderly houses. They were committed for trial, and several white and colored men and women who frequented the place were held as witnesses.

A pleasant entertainment was given on Washington's Birthday to the Summit Cricket Club by ladies of Summit, N. J., in Summit Hall. Among those present were Messrs. L. R. Lersed, W. A. Robbins, George W. Campbell, Jr., John H. Scofield, Archer N. Martin, R. L. Anderton, G. G. Geer, Jr., George W. Nicholas, and William H. Dumont.

The funeral of Charles P. Bursch, for many years a resident of Newark, will take place from his late home, corner of Railroad-avenue and Canal, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Deceased was a native of Hanover, and came to this country in 1805. He was one of the pioneer Germans of Newark. He had amassed considerable wealth, and was highly respected.

QUEENS COUNTY SUPERVISORS.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RECEIVERS' ACT—CONDITION OF THE WIDOWS' AND MINORS' FUND.

The Board of Supervisors of Queens County held a meeting yesterday at Long Island City. A report from the Superintendents of the Poor showed that in the month of January 201 tramps were relieved in Flushing, 182 in Jamaica, and 193 in Hempstead, at an aggregate cost of $172 80. A preamble and resolution were adopted declaring it as the sense of the board that the assessments of the Receivers' act for the county, proposed by the Queens County Land-owners' Association, should not pass the Legislature, and requesting the county's representatives to oppose them. The principal objection seemed to be to the provision for sales for unpaid taxes only once in three years, instead of every year, as at present, the belief being that such a change would serve to encourage tax delinquencies, especially in the case of poor residents, and ultimately increase the burden of taxation upon regular tax-payers. The members of the board generally expressed themselves as satisfied with the working of the present act, although it was admitted that it should be amended in one or two particulars. For the use of the Superintendents of the Poor during the month of March $2,500 was voted, and for the support of the County Insane Asylum, $600.

Several months ago a special committee of the board, consisting of Supervisors Brinkerhoff, Lawrence, and Clement, was appointed to investigate the condition of the Widows' and Minors' fund, which, by law and by direction of the courts, is in the custody of the County Treasurer; the character of the investments made, and the losses incurred through foreclosures in cases where default had been made. There are 48 mortgages now in the hands of the present Treasurer, Mr. Baldwin, which have come to him from his predecessors in office, Charles A. Roe and George W. Doremus. In some cases the committee regard the security as insufficient, and recommend the Treasurer to have it amended; but in most cases it is considered sufficient, provided the insurance is properly kept up. Six sales under foreclosure were made by Mr. Baldwin's immediate predecessor, Mr. Carll. In the first case the mortgage was for $400; due, $478 43; property sold for $400; Referee's fees and disbursements, $372 49; net receipts, $27 51; loss, $450 92. Second, due, $2,682 53; sold for $1,675; fees, &c., $252 50; realized, $1,422 70; loss, $1,255 83. Third, mortgage for $3,500; sold for $450; loss, $3,050. Fourth, due, $9,291 55; sold for $4,500; fees, &c., $425 91; realized, $4,074 09; loss, $5,217 46. Fifth, due, $5,797 74; sold for $6,100; fees, &c., $302 26; realized full amount due. Sixth, mortgage for $940; no further report. The aggregate of investments of this fund is about $150,000, and the losses are thus shown to approximate $19,000. Considering the shrinkage of real estate values, real estate experts regard the proportion of loss as comparatively small, although some of the investments the committee regard as having been injudicious. They conclude their suggestions as follows:

"Your committee have become aware, during their examination of this subject, that the proper investment of this money is one of the most responsible duties of the County Treasurer, and calls for the utmost vigilance on his part to see that the property is of character to afford the security contemplated by the law and demanded by the interests of those he represents. And, although the deficiency reported seems considerable, yet it should be remembered that in the general shrinkage of the value of real estate that has taken place in the past five years Queens County has suffered with the rest of the country. This is the first loss that has occurred in this fund in the history of our county since the fund has been in the hands of the County Treasurer, running through a period of about 20 years. And your committee earnestly hope that the courts will make such wholesome regulations for the investment of this money by the Treasurer as will prevent any loss in the future."

The board concluded that the courts should determine the responsibility, if any, for the losses incurred.

THE FUNERAL OF REV. DR. HAIGHT.

The funeral services over the remains of Rev. Benjamin I. Haight, D. D., Assistant Rector of Trinity Parish, and Pastor of St. Paul's Chapel, took place in Trinity Church yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The church was filled to overflowing, and the beautiful Episcopal service for the dead was rendered with wonted solemnity. The remains of Dr. Haight were inclosed in a plain mahogany casket, mounted with silver handles. No flowers were to be seen in any part of the church, and the ceremonies were characterized by simplicity. The pall-bearers, all clergymen of Trinity Parish, were Bishop Potter and Drs. Swope, Morgan, Twing, Mulchahey, Houghton, Rowland, and Wyatt. Bishop Potter officiated, and Dr. Dix read the lesson and prayer. The remains were conveyed to Hyde Park for interment. At the conclusion of the services, a meeting of the Vestry of Trinity Church was held, at which appropriate resolutions of respect to the memory of the deceased Rector were passed.

HURRAH! HURRAH!—A silver medal was awarded at XLOE BUSELLES COGNAC at the Paris Exhibition.—*Advertisement.*

PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steam-ship Flamborough, for West Indies.—Lindsay Harper, Father L. Mallonee, J. W. Roach, Mrs. Roach, Dudley Roach, H. Cotton.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

In steam-ship City of Vera Cruz, from Havana, &c.—Rev. Philander M. Cady, C. Stephens, Wood McKnight, R. R. Morrison, Capt. J. E. Calhoun, George McNeal, J. R. Bell, Peter Peal, G. H. Ruffin, George W. Wylie, G. C. Dewey, Oliver S. Rogers, A. C. C. Parsons, James Smith, John A. Stewart, Ramon Cabrera, Gomez Rivera, Juan Antonio Vizcoyo, Francisco de Rosa, Carl Rhinerat, Charles Adolphe Clerch, Thomas Davis, John Gutridge, Capt. J. Pederson, H. H. Pederson, A. Hanson, John N. Spots, M. B. Matteson, T. Obermuddin.

In steam-ship City of Brussels, from Liverpool.—Mr. Anderson, W. T. St. Aubyn, Carl Anthony, G. F. Bailey, Rev. P. Cronin, D. Cameron, E. W. Coope, H. E. Curtis, Charles T. Ely, H. Gillespie, Sister Mary Margaret Hewdon, C. F. Howes, W. L. Johns, Mrs. Fuller, Miss Woodruff, Mr. Brown, Mr. Harris, Robert Knightson, W. T. Gists, A. H. Hickhell, Edward Magrath, S. D. Poon, Right Rev. S. V. Ryan, Robert Ritchie, Rear-Admiral W. E. LeRoy, Matthew Fook, George Smith, Robert S. Walker, Mrs. S. C. Hartley, Miss Hartley, Master Hartley, H. A. Whately, R. B. Linker.

In steamship City of Brussels, from Glasgow.—F. B. Gerlt, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright, Capt. H. McQuillan and three children, J. Waldner, Miss McLeane, R. F. Thayer, F. S. Richardson, Miss Doff, J. P. Germaine, Mr. Powell, D. R. Aldridge, A. L. Ely, J. McQuillan, Edward O'Hara, Henry Hersch, R. H. Wormouth.

In steamship Arkansas, from Antwerp.—Miss G. Whitney, R. Green, J. F. Simmons, T. Conklin, Mr. Gunnan, J. H. Phipard, Master Jones, D. C. Green, H. E. Cooke, and 44 seamen of United States steam-ship Adams, at Panama.

WESTERN UNION TIME BALL.

FEB. 24.—The time ball on the Broadway tower of the Western Union Telegraph Company's building, which is dropped at 12 o'clock noon (12th Pots. Gt.) by the standard time of the United States Naval Observatory at Washington, was to-day dropped correctly.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises....6:40 | Sun sets.....5:46 | Moon sets...10:32

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

	P. M.	A. M.
Sandy Hook	10:25	
Gov. Island	4:11	4:14
Hell Gate		12:36

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK.....MONDAY, FEB. 24.

CLEARED.

Steam-ships Tybee, Crowell, Fernandina, I. K. Roberts; Flamborough, (Br.,) Fraser, St. Pierre, and Fort of Spain, A. E. Outerbridge; Martha Stevens, Chance, Baltimore, J. S. Kneass; Kron Prinz Frederich Wilhelm, (Ger.,) Dannenman, Bremen, Oelrichs & Co.; Assyria, (Br.,) Campbell, Glasgow, Henderson Bros.

Barks Alice, (Ital.,) Rayeto, London, Attilio Giunio; Lombardo, Palermo, (Ital.,) Meraviglia, Cork, Falmouth, or Plymouth for orders, Attilio Giunio; Miranda, Mitchell, Havana, C. S. Wood; Hildar, (Norw.,) Gundersen, Exeter, Punch, Edye & Co.; George Washington, (Ital.,) Cuneo, Palermo, Attilio Giunio; Maudlas, John C. Seaver; Amazon, (Norw.,) Mortensen, Bordeaux, Punch, Edye & Co.; Mary Rasbrook, Ludwigs, Montevideo, J. A. Jenssen; Ferreri, (Ital.,) Esposito, Marseilles, James Henry; Pilot, (Ger.,) Kuhr, Koenigsberg, Punch, Edye & Co.; Orver Odd, (Norw.,) Leverdsen, Amsterdam, Holland, Punch, Edye & Co.; Hester A. Blanchard, Smith, Cape Town, F. R. Smith & Co.

Brigs Energy, (Br.,) Harrison, Porto Alegre, Brazil, George F. Bulley; Century, (Br.,) Romeril, Plymouth, George F. Bulley; Dart, (Br.,) Colter, Alicante, Spain, J. P. Whitney & Co.; Emily P. Sheldon, Hays, Havana, Parsons & Lound; Afghan, (Br.,) Griffin, Lisbon, Hatton, Watson & Co.

Schrs. Lois V. Chapies, Chapies, Jacksonville, Alvah Mudgett; Earl H. Potter, Sheerer, New-Orleans, F. H. Brigham; Illinois, Wilson, Providence, James S. Van Brunt; Cayenne, McGrath,